

PTO Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2014

1. Welcome and Prayer

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Principal's Report

- Fran began with reporting that registration is still open for this coming school year. Current enrollment is 315, with waiting lists in both pre-k and kindergarten.
- NYS test results show that both Math and ELA scores continue to move up. #34594sk
- Common Core: Common core standards are being followed here at SLS. The standards are used as a guide by our teachers. Standards are higher and a good thing. Curriculum maps have been created this year as a guide for parents and teachers. Diocesan maps will be available next year.
- Debbie Morris will not be returning to the office this year, Jan Kepes will be taking her place full-time in the office.
- SLS preschool is in need of 2 aides – this will be posted on website.
- Both 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers resigned. Offers have been made to 2 candidates to fill these positions.
- There will be a Diocesan wide open house on November 5<sup>th</sup> for new families and prospective students.
- Hot Lunch program for this year is in need of some volunteers to both deliver and coordinate specific days in order for the program to continue. Kim DeYoung is now in charge of online orders.
- School Picnic will be 9/24 at Eyer Park. Discussion of teachers taking an active role in various game/activity “stations”. Katie Robertson is the chair of this event.
- There is a new power school system for tracking attendance and doing report cards. Fran and Laurie will attend a training session and then in turn train the teachers.
- There is a new reading program this year for grades 1 and 2. This program will move into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade next year.
- Report on PTO dollars
  - \$15,000 new reading system and updates science textbooks
  - \$11,200 teacher supplies and programs
  - \$3,000 music, art and PE
  - \$32,000 technology – smartboard repairs and in some cases replacement, renewal and purchase of programs
  - \$2,500 “lobby” improvements - Dawn Schnell
  - \$8,000 Christmas bonus program for teachers
  - \$2,000 student agendas
  - \$20,000 tuition assistance

#### 4. Committee Reports

- Magazine Drive. Scott Carpentier is chairing this event this year. New prize incentive options are being considered. \$20,000 is the goal.
- GALA will be every other year with event format and venue changes discussed. Perhaps bringing the event back to the gym.
- "Off" GALA year fundraising options discussed. This year a school wide "walk" followed by a barbeque in the courtyard in the Spring: proposed date 5/30.
- Also, a mid-year smaller fundraising event was discussed. A school art calendar sale a possible option.
- There are 10 Enrichment programs being offered this year:  
Returning: Art, Technology, DramaKids, Percussion, Glee, Book club, Science, Chess  
New: Sports with Mr. Pasley, and Word Games/Scrabble with Mrs. Mancini and Mrs. Mack

#### 5. Meetings scheduled for 2014/2015 school year:

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> @10:30 am

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> @7pm

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> @7pm

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> @10:30 am

March 11<sup>th</sup> @10:30 am

April 8<sup>th</sup> @7pm

May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 am

June 10<sup>th</sup> @7pm