



St. Columbkille Home & School Association

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May 15, 2019 H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

Diane Ferro called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with an opening prayer.

Diane welcomed and thanked everyone for making this a great year for St. Columbkille.

Diane announced the HSA scholarship winners: Jack Dempsey (\$500 - Creighton Prep) and Aislinn Bilgere (\$500 - Mercy). Diane attended the All School Mass to present Jack and Aislinn with their scholarships.

Kristin provided a Stewardship update on Restaurant Nights since our last HSA meeting:

- Pizza West - \$726 to Pizza West, with \$80 coming back to St. Columbkille
- Papio Bowl - \$200 to St. Columbkille
- Chick-Fil-A - \$739 to Chick-Fil-A, with \$110 coming back to St. Columbkille

Kristin reminded everyone to continue to scan receipts in Shoparoo and to collect Box Tops.

Rita Weiss provided an update on the Flower Sale held on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12. The final sale totals were not available at the time of the meeting; however, Rita indicated that sales had improved over prior years, especially for hanging basket orders. This sale was our first opportunity to use the school's recently acquired card reader. While it was extremely helpful to have this payment method available, there were some elements that need to be worked through, particularly around the ability to provide a receipt. Feedback was gathered and has been provided to Mrs. Redburn, Mrs. Foreman and Deborah Armentrout.

Jennifer Wright gave the Treasurer's report. The HSA account balance is \$71,177. Jennifer noted that she expects an additional deposit of approximately \$20,000 comprised from Crusader Walk funds donated online and HSA dues collected from the beginning of the school year. Jennifer outlined plans for expenditures in the 2019/2020 school year as follows:

- \$10,000 will go towards the Textbook Fund. This is an ongoing annual commitment.
- \$6,000-\$8,000 will be provided to send four teachers to the National Catholic Educators Conference every year. This sum will cover travel, lodging and meals. This is an ongoing annual commitment.
- \$2,000 will be provided for refills for Science Standard classroom kits. This is an ongoing annual commitment.
- \$2,500 will be provided for Benchmarking Kits. This will allow each classroom to have their own kit. This is a one-time donation.
- \$5,000 will be provided to wire the security wall. The Ceili, through its Helping Hands Project, has donated the money required to construct the wall. The \$5,000 provided by HSA will wire the wall. This is a one-time donation.
- \$12,000 has been allotted to the Playground Fund. There is a playground budget in the Capital Campaign; however, HSA is willing to donate additional funds to get the playground equipment we want to have available for our children. This is a one-time donation.

Mrs. Redburn presented the Principal's Report, beginning with an update on Traffic Flow and Drop Off/Pick Up procedures for the 2019/2020 school year. With construction underway, we will need to account for road closures and equipment on campus. Mrs. Redburn outlined the proposed plan, including a walkthrough of a map of the campus indicating which lots and doors each grade will use. Drop Off will be extended by 5 minutes to help accommodate additional walk time and traffic. This will be communicated to the entire school before the start of the school year. Mrs. Redburn stressed the goal is safety for our children, not convenience. Mrs. Redburn next shared updates on safety procedures recently implemented at school Masses.

Our school will begin participating in the Badge Program, which will allow for out-of-uniform law enforcement officers to attend school masses while carrying a concealed weapon. Law enforcement officers will be scheduled to attend each school Mass. Doors on the East side of the church will be locked during Mass time. Mrs. Redburn shared that extra security is a relief to staff during Mass, and has been an initiative the Student Advisory Council has focused on implementing. Mrs. Redburn also provided an update on Advanced Ed accreditation. The three-day process was completed in April; however, results have not yet been returned to the school. Mrs. Redburn will provide a summary to parents once the report has been received. Cheerleaders will represent St. Columbkille during Papio Days Parade on June 15. Mrs. Redburn encouraged school families to walk in the parade as well. Finally, Mrs. Redburn summarized staff changes coming in the 2019/2020 school year:

- Staff leaving: Mrs. Fabian (Kindergarten), Ms. Alcocer (Kindergarten Aide), Mrs. Wilson (5th), and Mrs. Rainbolt (PE)
- New Staff: Mrs. Estrada (2nd), Mr. Jensen (PE) and Mr. Pietryga (5th)
- Staff Transfers: Mrs. Tangeman and Mrs. Trent (aide) will be moving from 2nd grade to Kindergarten.

Diane called for a motion and vote on the open HSA Vice President position. One candidate expressed interest in the position and Tara Hogner was asked to introduce herself and say a few words about herself to those in attendance at the meeting. After a motion, second and vote, Tara Hogner was selected as the 2019/2020 HSA Vice President.

Summer dates for Uniform Exchange will be announced, and such dates will be dependent on the construction schedule. The 2019/2020 HSA event calendar will be presented prior to the start of the school year.

Diane encouraged everyone to purchase CARE cards and support Uniform Exchange.

The board thanked Diane for her hard work during her time as President of the 2018/2019 HSA. We so appreciate all Diane has done for school and parish! Diane handed the gavel to Kristin Steenson.