

## Parent Association Feb 29, 2016

1. Budget Review- Greg provided a summary of the 2015/2016 fall budget update-See budget report
2. Central Office Report – Joe Colistro
  - a. Bill 10 explained –
    - a.i. Safe and Caring - CCSSA

### A Resource for a Pastoral Approach to

### Supporting and Guiding Students in Inclusive Communities – Gender Identity and Expression

- a.ii. Student groups formed in schools (Life Framework-CCSSA)
    - b. Foundational Statement (ask Joe)
3. Strategic Planning – March 17<sup>th</sup> (4:00 – 7:00 PM) - 27 people invited
  - a. Goal setting for next year.
4. Edwin Parr – 1 nominee
5. School Parish Relations Committee – explained
6. Professional Development – Parent Association – Mental Health (April 25<sup>th</sup>)
7. Southlands School – explained – completion September 2017
8. IT – Survey explained
9. ATA update – local contributed to Syrian Refugees - \$1400
  - a. Update on teacher negotiations (Bill 8) 2 tier negotiation with teachers
10. Trustee Report – full time religious educator
  - a. Negotiations explained from board perspective (TEBA – Teacher Employer Bargaining Association)
  - b. LGBTQ –
  - c. Board Self Evaluation – Gary Andrews –also evaluated Joe
  - d. Field trip discussion – protocol changes
  - e. Chair remuneration – Board Chair increase \$\$

- f. Board parent relationships – board wants to improve – Peter will take parents to ASCA conference if anyone wants to go
- 11. Chair Report – no report
- 12. Treasurer Report -1281.06 in account
- 13. Board Representative – Southland school clarification
  - a. Communications person introduced
  - b. Student board advisory
  - c. French Immersion – update – questions from the board - lack of confidence from a parent perspective
  - d. Excellence in Catholic Teaching Award – Carol Kimineus
- 14. School Reports – McCoy
  - a. Temperature of gym – touchy subject, “what kind of meeting is this” some parents unhappy with how the question was answered
  - b. Panterra trip, other trips (Elkwater trip \$800 donated)
  - c. Grade 9 orientation – options selected by students and are given a 20 minute presentation in that option – had a positive impact
- 15. Mother Teresa
  - a. Christmas concert
  - b. Esplanade – 4 days – community classroom (grade 4 class)
  - c. Art auction coming
  - d. Playground – grant money \$8000 from city, \$2200 in donation – other money donated to school paid for the playground and \$3000 surplus
- 16. Notre Dame
- 17. St. Francis Xavier
  - a. Valentines family dance – basket raffle - \$1500
  - b. Shrove Tuesday at St. Pat’s Church
  - c. Rotary today
- 18. St. Louis
  - a. Get active program (this year a St. Louis Spartan race)
  - b. Gr. 1-3 – field trip
  - c. Movie nights

- d. Staff appreciation luncheon
  - e. Wanted to get iPads in the school – fundraising going on
  - f. Syrian refugees in the school – so far so good – can parent council support them in any way?
19. St. Mary's
- a. Gala - \$4500
  - b. Concession during winter games - \$1300
  - c. Shrove Tuesday
  - d. Rotary Festival -9:15 and 10:30 Choir, band – at the school
  - e. Trish Sotropa – Excellence in teaching nomination
  - f. Science Fair last week
20. St. Pat's
- a. Skate a thon
  - b. Feb. – Ski trip
  - c. Strove Tuesday
  - d. Jam Pail bonspiel
  - e. Pink shirt day
  - f. Grade 5 – March 4 – guitar - Rotary
  - g. Saints Go Marching in presentation
  - h. Grant proposal in for a playground addition
21. St. Thomas
- a. Winter carnival – dance workshops and other presentations
  - b. Shrove Tuesday
  - c. Violinist coming to visit – March 1-College sponsored
  - d. Choir at festival
  - e. Skating lessons paid by parent council
  - f. Ski trip – 4-6
  - g. Family fun baseball tournament (teams of 8) all families welcome - \$10 per team
  - h. Community College
22. Old Business
23. New Business
- a. ASCA conference –
24. Next meeting – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016