

HSA General Meeting Minutes
10/17/11
7:00 PM

Msgr. Conway: Prayer

Mrs. Judge:

- Curriculum Update
 - Common Core Standards textbook – in Pilot review of Math Series, will start to use next trimester, make a decision by end of the year.
 - Kids are having more writing in their work
 - Teachers working on Portfolios to display kids' writing
- Spirit Day – Meant to be a fun day! First year for it.
- Parent Teacher Conferences this week
- Uniform Update – Flynn is on backorder, don't need to worry on 11/1. Old stuff is still good for this year.
- Technology – What is big push? Want kids to become thinkers, not doers. Not pushing because of wants, but because of NEEDS.

Tiara Falcone:

- Box Tops for Education – last year raised enough money to buy smart board. This year, focusing on recess equipment. Trimester winners this year.
- Socials:
 - 5 events already
 - 9/30- 5th grade social – pirate theme, well attended
 - 10/8 – 6th-8th grades dance – lots of fun
 - 10/14 – 6th grade social
 - 10/13 & 10/14 – Donuts with Dad
 - 10/16 – 1st Annual Fall Festival – great turnout!
 - Upcoming Events
 - Auction for Technology – 11/12
 - Shopping Night – 12/2 – contact Karen Borelli or Katie Thompson for available spots
 - HSA Activity Fee
 - Right now, participation rates in paying fee are very low. K-8 is 81% of families, and Pre-school is 60%.
 - Reminder that fee also covers assemblies – this year alone there are 7 planned, including Native American Dancers, Dr. Seuss, Walnut Street Theater, Franklin Institute, and others.
 - Tuition Vouchers – attend all 3 meetings, chance to win 1 of 2 vouchers.

Michele Duffy: Auction Update

- 11/12 – preview begins at 6:30; buy your tickets. Catalog and donations can be found online. Volunteers are still needed.

Heather Kelly: Introduced Kids to speak

- Katie – 6th grade – important for my education. Lots of fun and educational games
- Timothy – using smart boards, computers, online textbooks, internet, and first in math
- Jessica – 4th grade – enjoy using technology to learn. Lots of research, writing, and editing. AR.
- Chloe – Mrs. Giffords – using laptop cart, but only 1 in school, so have to share
- Kate – 2nd grade – made PowerPoint presentation “2nd Grade Loves Technology”
- Campbell – 1st grade – we use our smart board every day; helps us learn about world around us.

Mrs. Bull: Blogging with Mrs. Bull during the meeting. Allow teachers to be more accessible to kids.

Mrs. Reardon:

- Rcvd grant for iPads, but still waiting on them. Many different ways they’ll be able to use them in the classroom.
- Showed “Corning: A Day Made of Glass”
- Showed Mrs. Fleming’s video of kids using technology in classroom setting

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Dress Down Day – Mrs. Murphy’s 1st grade class