

Parent Club Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2023

I. Meeting Attendees:

Nicole Azar, Becky Kingman, Kristine Garza, Lindsey Reifinger, Tess Barket, Lindsey Pereira, Jen DeClark, **Reps:** Claire Swenson, Christine Berlow, Kelly Lighty, Julie Watts, Brittney O'Brien, Megan Haupt, Sara Jones, Meghan O'Carroll, Megan Sinton, Erin Mazzei, Mark DeCastro, Regina Manlimos, Danica Boyle, **Guests:** Lisa Kalenian, Bridgette Oerson, Kaylin Callaway, Charity MacGillivray, Katie Borrelli, Valerie Suey, Melissa Babu, Nicole Valentine, Alexis Gaffney, Kristianne Toledo, AnneMarie Brast, Cherie McKinley,

II. Meeting opened at 12:45pm, Opening prayer by Becky Kingman

III. President's Report – Nicole Azar:

- a. Welcome to Parents Club
- b. Service hour requests: attendees get one service hour for every meeting attended, send them to Nicole Azar via Mobile Serve, and she will approve.
- c. This year we are trying to use our website more for PC meetings and move away from printing hard copies.
- d. If you want something on the agenda, email Nicole Azar prior to the PC meeting for approval.
- e. Email to omsparentclub@gmail.com

IV. May 18, 2023, Meeting minutes: Nicole Azar motion to approve, (Megan Sinton -- approve, Julie Watts -- second), passed unanimously.

V. Principal's Report – Tess Barket:

- a. Current enrollment is 295, last year at this time was 290. TK class doubled in size compared to last year.
- b. Thank you for Pizza Monday and Jamba Juice
- c. We are fully staffed now with aides in TK-5th grade. Lots of new aides: New TK aide, 2nd grade aide, end process of getting a 3rd grade aide hired, plus aides for 4th and 5th grade.
- d. Staff for lunch duty and ASA: Greg Veger has joined.
- e. STAR testing finishes Friday. First Friday of October is a data analysis meeting with OMS teachers to plan to address needs identified in STAR testing.
- f. As part of Faith Formation, giving an assessment to students in n 5th and 8th grade. Assesses religious knowledge and personal beliefs. It's an important part in developing student values. It will be given in February, after catholic schools' week.
- g. Alter Servers had training last week, went well. Planning another one during school (after mass on Wednesdays) in the near future and likely one more in spring.

- h. Updates on tech and school facilities: Updated Chromebooks in 4th and 5th grade, roof replaced in Annex, pavilion next (there are leaks), lots of cracks in walls that need to be fixed. Still need AC and windows. Still waiting on final approval letter for grant money.
- i. Girls Volleyball: there was a great turn out, another tournament at MCP coming up.
- j. Expanding our Robotics Program: It's been an enrichment opportunity, after school. We would like to take it to the next level and start competing with some other local schools. We think it will be open for 3rd–8th grade. Space will be limited, though. Equipment does need to be updated; it 4-5 years old, estimated cost will be about \$5000.
- k. Staff/faculty have really wanted a consistent typing program. Hope to start it next month. Start in 1st or 2nd grade. Approx \$1500 commitment for the program and skins/covers for the keyboards.
- l. Mock trials: Diocese has asked OMS to participate in the Academic Decathlon, so will be doing that instead of mock trial. Open to 7th and 8th grade as an elective. (Electives are offered to 7th and 8th grade and typically rotate every trimester. Younger kids have specialties like pe, music, Spanish).

VI. Teacher's Report – Lindsey Pereira:

- m. Received our WCEA accreditation and received the highest level possible.
- n. Teacher Updates. Working hard to get a smooth year going. Team teaching has been successful.
- o. Staff are participating in a book study called heart for staff training/development.

VII. Marketing Report – Jen DeClark:

- a. For WAT we are at \$16K and goal if \$60K. Four weeks until WAT but will accept donations until end of October.
- b. Funds will go toward robotics, typing programs, and bridge the gap between tuition and actual cost to educate.
- c. Sponsorship is \$17K and that is lower than in years past.
- d. Mobile serve seems to be going well; parents have logged 244 service hours so far this year. Still working out some operating improvements with Mobile Serve.
- e. Treasurer's Report – Kristine Garza
 - i. Brief update on fundraising: Jamba is \$9K, Pizza \$22,000K, Donuts raised \$320.

VIII. Upcoming Events:

- p. Trunk or Treat is coming up, Becky Kingman coordinating: 1-6th will do trick-or-treating at Avila Senior Living, TK-K will do trick-or-treating at MCP.
- q. Veteran's Day Ceremony, AnneMarie Brast coordinating: if anyone knows someone who can play taps, let AnneMarie know. It will be Thursday November

9th during the morning assembly, all parents invited. A form will be coming home for students to complete.

IX. New Business – Nicole Azar:

- r. Items to vote on:
 - 1. Dissolving PC as a separate entity from OMS
 - a. Discussion: As we stand, PC is a separate entity from the school. Every other school, the parent organization is combined with school. The advantages of being combined as one entity are that PC is covered under the school's liability insurance and the school takes over the tax responsibility.
 - b. Discussion: Biggest change is financial --> any check over \$10k needs to go through the diocese. Allows the diocese to review any contracts we are committing to. Check writing would still require a 2-person approval. Some concerns were voiced that if the diocese is involved, will the diocese have a say in venues for blue and gold. (ex: diocese won't let our students go to Catalina Island). Tess shared that she doesn't believe that would apply to B&G because it doesn't involve student safety.
 - 2. Reviewed new/updated bylaws.
 - a. Change wording for terms of officers to allow more flexibility so that VP doesn't end up being a 4-year term: "1-2 years as agreed upon."
 - b. Nicole Azar will update adjustment to bylaws and email PC reps. Then email to all parents once approved.
 - c. No vote yet
 - 3. Nicole Azar motion to approve dissolving PC as a separate entity from OMS (Megan O' Carrol - approved, Sara Jones - second), passed unanimously.
 - 4. Ms. Colvin requested \$1600 funding for outdoor play equipment for TK, since TK students are too young to be on the play structure (play structure is for 5+ yrs). PC allocated \$15K in funds at 5-18-2023 meeting to cover unexpected costs so the play equipment will be purchased with the \$15K already distributed. No vote necessary.

X. Important 2023 Dates:

9/27 - Ambiance Shopping Day,
10/19 12:45PM PC Meeting @ Parish Hall,
10/31 - Trunk or Treat @ Reis Family Mortuary,
11/9 8:00AM Veteran's Day Ceremony @ OMS Campus).
11/16 PC Meeting 12:45PM @ Parish Hall,
12/14 12:45PM PC Meeting @ Parish Hall,
12/15 - Christmas Boutique (all day) @ Parish Hall,
Blue and Gold 2024: TBD

XI. Meeting Adjourned 1:50PM