

**Minutes from Home & School (H&S) Meeting  
 May 9, 2024  
 Library**

Meeting began at 6:03 p.m.

**Attendees:**

<b>2023/2024 Home &amp; School Board</b>		<b>Teachers/Staff</b>	x
<b>President:</b> Melissa Nelson	x		
<b>President-Elect:</b> Julie Rosales	x	Danielle Behnke	
<b>Ex-Officio:</b> Denise Howell		Katie Selden (Principal)	x
<b>Secretary:</b> Alicia Gieck	x	Angie Gustafson	
<b>Treasurer:</b> Marie Morlok	x		
<b>Room Parent Co-Chairs:</b> Andrea Reilly	x		
<b>Room Parent Co-Chairs:</b> Cassandra Berneking	x		
<b>Volunteer Co-Chairs:</b> Jill Tandy		<b>Community/Committee Chairs</b>	
<b>Volunteer Co-Chairs:</b> Maria Stopulos			
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Megan Wilkinson		Brooke Heckinger	x
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Ashley Winters-Ramos		Becky Burke	
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Erin Crigger	x	Betsy Flaherty	
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Ellie Kretschmer		Stephanie Larson	
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Becca Armstrong		Melissa Zundome	
<b>Hospitality Coordinators:</b> Alex Bauer			
<b>New Family Ambassadors:</b> Jen Foley			
<b>New Family Ambassadors:</b> Bronya Conner	x		
<b>Newsletter:</b> Alison Meier	x		

Publicity/Starry Night: Megan Stopulos		
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Agenda can be found here: (I lost it; I'm not even kidding)

Approval for May 2024 minutes can be found: [Here](#)

New Business:

1. Announcement of new board: We still need an additional volunteer coordinator. There is a tentative yes, but we are crossing our fingers that she will be convinced to serve. I hope it's not lost on anyone that we are struggling to find a volunteer to be the volunteer coordinator.

**New Board, Welcome!**

2. Retirements

Mrs. Rouse and Mrs Mecik are retiring. There are plans for a gift to be presented at the final mass.

Fr. Ben is also being reassigned. He will also be recognized and celebrated with an ice cream truck following the final mass—which he will lead.

3. First Day School Supplies

Mrs. Wermes has sent out the email for the pre-purchase of school supplies. It's a great fundraiser and we all agree it saves parents time and stress. The cost is comparable to buying yourself, except parents don't actually have to go to Wal-Mart or Target with the masses to buy supplies—and that's priceless.

4. Mrs. Seldon's report

Mrs. Seldon is giving tours of the building almost daily. We are already experiencing increased enrollment.

There are quite a few teaching positions open. But panicking about this isn't scheduled until July. Currently, Lourdes is in need of a 4th grade teacher (anyone who has spent time with 4th graders is not surprised by this), a librarian, a reading interventionist, Spanish and ELA. Not surprisingly, 1st grade (the funnest of the elementary grades) is already filled.

Mrs. Seldon wasn't stressed enough, so she decided to take THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY to the grounding break of St. Joan of Arc on May 29th after mass. Everyone is sure that this will be an amazing event that will live on in the memories of the students forever. Or a nightmare. (Which, admittedly, still creates memories.)

## 5. Budget/Finances:

H&S will end the school year with approximately \$5,000 in the account. Anybody who read the minutes from the beginning of the year knows what a major accomplishment this is. We are so thankful!

We had several unknown, and thus under-utilized, sources of income this year: Box Tops and Kwik Trip rewards. Mrs. Seldon has already promoted Box Tops in her weekly message to help get the word out. (Yes, I read the weekly message!!)

**Marie would like to request that an expense summary be submitted to her after each event. Ideally, she would like a point person for each event that would report on the expenses, so that she knows what was spent and what to look for on reimbursements and credit cards.**

## 6. Committee Updates

- New Family Ambassador
  - No report, so clearly things are going fantastic
- Volunteer Coordinators
  - Make sure to use the link in the monthly newsletter for volunteer opportunities.
- Room Parents
  - A discussion regarding making things easier for room parents was held. It was discussed that a face-to-face meeting, a schedule of events, and expected duties would be helpful.
  - **Could room parents please copy teachers on emails involving their class? For events like CSW, it helps them to know who is volunteering to cover their class during the luncheon. For other things, parents tend to ask the teachers questions, even though they didn't send the email.**
- Hospitality:
  - Mornings with Mom was fabulous! Thank you all for your work to make this event successful. The volunteers were very much appreciated.
  - The dads got donuts from Donuts 'n More, which was a budget-buster. However, Fairway gave Lourdes a great deal and it was delicious! Thank you Fairway.
  - Erin did not use Scrip to pay Fairway. She's been chastised and will strive to improve next year.
  - Teacher's Appreciation week went very well. Lunch was provided by Cafe Fresh on Monday; Tuesday the teachers were given custom snack bags; on Wednesday they were provided with drinks and snacks; students brought flowers for their

teachers on Thursday; and on Friday parents brought in treats for a dessert bar. What a great way to show our teachers how much we love them!!

- **WAY TO GO HOSPITALITY!! You guys are awesome and make such a fantastic contribution to our school.**

- Newsletter:

- We cannot stress enough how well this communication method works. Thanks, Alison.

7. Final Remarks:

Julie Rosales is full of ideas and ready to lead H&S to a great year.

- Julie intends to continue to meet once per month—but has not determined dates/days/times yet.
- Julie would like to meet during the summer before the school year begins to get off to a running start
- New board members have many, many resources in former members who are more than willing to share information. Please don't hesitate to reach out.
- Rumors abound about a H&S Google drive. NOTE: YES, THERE IS ONE. Unbeknownst to me, I was the only one who knew about it and had access. This actually answers so many questions for me that I should have asked in September. I will share the drive information; I never intended to hoard access. (I mean, had it come with an ounce of power, I might have abused it.)
- Please brainstorm ways to take advantage of the school closing and moving for fundraising! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that we should take advantage of.

Melissa ended with heartfelt remarks that even made me almost cry. **THANK YOU MELISSA FOR YOUR HARD WORK THIS YEAR.**

NO FUTURE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED. Julie will be in touch; check your emails, the newsletter, and the website..

Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.