

Lourdes Home & School Meeting Minutes - September
(9/16/24)

Location: Mrs. Heck's Room

Attendees:

2024/2025 Home & School Board		Teachers/Staff	
President: Julie Rosales	x	Katie Selden	x
President - Elect: Andrea Reilly	x	Danielle Behnke	x
Ex-Officio: Melissa Nelson			
Secretary: Stephanie Larson	x		
Treasurer: Marie Morlok	x		
Treasurer - Elect: Eric Norberg			
Room Parent Coordinator: Cassandra Berneking	x		
Newsletter: Alison Meier			
Volunteer Co-Chairs: Kristina Katherman		Community/Committee Chairs	
Volunteer Co-Chairs: TBD/OPEN POSITION			
Hospitality Coordinators: Ashley Ramos	x		
Hospitality Coordinators: Erin Crigger	x		
Hospitality Coordinators: Mercedez Nelson	x		
Hospitality Coordinators: Melissa Zumdom			
Hospitality Coordinators: Emily Bintz			
Hospitality Coordinators: Chloe Castle	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Bronya Conner	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Becky Burke	x		
New Family Ambassadors: Conor Flaherty	x		
Starry Night: Jen Foley			
Starry Night Elect: Betsy Flaherty			

Meeting called to order: 6:01 pm

[September 2024 Agenda](#)

Approval for the September meeting minutes can be found:

[+ September 16, 2024 -- Approval of Minutes \(Responses\)](#)

1. Reminders / Action Items

- Volunteers need to be certified through CMGConnect, if you're uncertain of your status please get with Mrs. Wermes, the training can be completed at <https://davenport.cmgconnect.org/>
- If you haven't signed up for Raise Right and BoxTops please as home and school members get familiar and teach others how to use them!

2. Committee Reports

New Family Ambassadors

- New Family Nights were successful and we interacted with between 30 and 35 new families.
- Between the 2 park playdates we were able to connect with 10 new families.
- Observation is that a lot of the new families have 2 working parents and therefore their availability is a little different.
- Hat wearing at pickup has proven helpful.
- Kindergarten Breakfast was great, new families are striking up conversation as they recognize us and feel welcomed.
- Newly created A-Z slide deck, drop off / pickup maps addressed, and new and improved volunteer opportunities packets are paying off, we've got a few people interested in volunteering!!!
- Friday October 4th is Preschool lunch on the lawn.
- Aiming for October for Student Directory and would like to go digital with paper copies by request.

Hospitality

- Back to school luncheon was successful.
- Curriculum nights we did snacks both nights, and night 2 was a big hit. The middle school crew didn't make much of a dent but there's less of them the bigger day was the second one and word was better spread about snacks day 2.
- Upcoming: Cookies and Drinks October 2nd or 9th - to be confirmed.
- Donuts with Dad Friday November 8th pending approval.

Newsletter

- Props to Alison, her newsletters are spectacular! Thank you Alison for making such colorful and attractive newsletters for our school, everyone loves them!
- Upcoming School Newsletter Deadlines: 9/26 for distribution 9/30 and 10/31 for distribution 11/4
- The upcoming newsletter will feature Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, and Starry Nights

Room Parents

- 1 room parent to a room and if that room parent chooses to have an assistant if needed or wanted they may, most rooms have an assistant.
- Cassandra rolled out a bullet point explanation really broken down well of all the step by step expectations and responsibilities of being a room parent.
- 15 questionnaires out of 28 sent out have come back, following up to confirm with those who said they were interested.

- Every homeroom teacher has been partnered with a staff member to ensure we're catch everyone, Home and School to take care of Mrs. Wermes and Mrs. H.
- Teacher Favorites are being requested now.

Volunteer Coordinator

- Good news since our volunteer forms went out we now have about 15 interested volunteers!
- A lot of fundraiser volunteers, some recess and library and even a co-chair for trivia night this fall!

Treasurer Report

- Keep up the good work on submitting direct to Marie in a timely fashion, it's helping with proper coding 😊
- Teacher Allotments are coming in.
- Looking good with where we're at so far.

Starry Nights Fundraiser

- Saturday, March 1st, 2024
@ the Stardust - 218 Iowa St Davenport again.
- Jen and Betsey emailed out about meeting at Bad Boyz pizza to determine chairs.

School Report

Enrollment

- 302 - number went down a little due to double registrations elsewhere and someone thought this was JFK and a relocation that fell through.
- 1 new 3 day preschooler added

Staffing

- 1st grade aide - no teaching experience needed but a love of children with very wiggly teeth is a must.
- PARA very part time 70 min / day for 3rd grade
- Long term sub for Mrs. F maternity leave
- Sub / Guest Teacher

Looking Ahead to SJA

- SCRA grant application for playground next year... goodbye wood chips, hello cleaner fingernails or in my household socks and feet...can't wait!
- A few other grants we're working on as well.

Teacher's Report

- Thank You for all the snacks, curriculum night was a hit!
- Thank You for scholastic wish lists too!

3. Discussion

- Please finalize any upcoming event dates before meetings!
- Parish Festival - Please reach out to Megan S and Megan W to volunteer to help with the Fall Festival we're in need of a few more hands. A specific request is for face painters. (Unfortunately my face painting skills were rejected by a Kindergartener at a Birthday party last winter... I don't know who was more

embarrassed - him with my art or me with its rejection, so I'm not a candidate but maybe you can do better?)

- Fall Trivia night on a Saturday night like 6pm start time - date tbd. Conversation about SJV strategies that could be helpful and donations and baskets.
- Fundraising Brainstorming
 1. One Cause Peer to Peer Fundraising - Individual Requests maybe something that incorporates Catholic Schools Week
 2. New School and Building Needs more specifically so it's an individual project
 3. "Name In The Paint"
 4. Making the most of Scrip and Raise Right and getting more families to participate
 5. Progressive Dinner... possible Starry Nights item or separate event?
 6. Giving Tree Acorns turned into trees for Starry Nights... super cool idea a lot to miss about Lourdes that we should bear in mind this year.

4. Upcoming Events

- 9/29 Parish Fall Festival
- Donuts with Dad
- Fall Trivia

5. FOR CONTINUED EASE OF ACCESS

- BoxTops for Education please use the referral code provided to connect to our school!

**DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:**



Referral Code E8LR2FTD

- RaiseRight - Scrip see if you can purchase gift cards for your everyday expenses and fundraise at the same time!



Meeting ended at 7:24PM

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Larson

Secretary