

EPIC
Educator Parent Improvement Council
COMMUNITY NIGHT
13 January 2016
AGENDA

January Program

“The Art of Having a Nice Day”

Monica Scalf, author of “Live in the Little,” and founder of The Playground Group, LLC, a creative learning company that delivers workshops on creating meaningful work and life experiences

Opening Prayer (The Gospel Mysteries of Community) – Group Led

Attendance: Janie Acra, Kathy Hart, Lisa, Fetters, Linda Reimer, Megan Halverson, Stephanie Strano, Pam Schwartz, Tammy Eppinghoff, Monica Raines, Amy Siegler, Michelle Luebbe, Aimee Hodapp, Randy Hodapp, Amanda Ward, Katie Hanson, Katie Gibboney, Kathleen Pendergest, John Heile, Emily Arnold, Terry Jacobs, Jen Hengehold, Michael Collins, Shawna Brandabur, Shannon Storm-Sieg, Jason Crank, James Craft

Business Meeting

- I. Budget Report (*Terry Jacobs*) See Attached Pie Chart
 - The first withdrawal was made out of the EPIC budget to pay for the wireless and Chrome Books.
- II. Committee Reports
 - **Education Commission** (Angie Bucheit & Aileen Ernst)
 - Wi-Fi is in the installation process. Will be completed on Friday, January 15th.
 - We are leasing 75 Chromebooks.
 - On January 20th, a staff training program will be developed
 - A rep from E-tech has offered to show the Chrome Book features at Open House.
 - WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S COMMITMENT TO COMPLETE THIS PROJECT!!
 - **Campus Improvement Committee** (*Craig Bucheit & Stephanie Strano*)
 - AC Project Update
 - Plans have been drawn and approved by Community Design Alliance
 - Working on securing final pricing after possible rebates; initial price is higher than originally thought because the units are capable of heating AND cooling the classrooms. This could save on the wear and tear of the boiler, which can be turned off completely in the classrooms for better efficiency.
 - Confirming the efficiency of the proposed units with an outside agency (Efficiency Smart). Was told by a Mitsubishi rep that we could expect a 50% reduction of our utilities bills in the classrooms using these units throughout the course of the year.
 - Once we have final numbers, this project will have to be approved by Father Patrick and then by the Cincinnati Archdiocese before any decisions regarding timing and funding can be made.
 - Concrete Step Repair Project
 - Mike Cochran is currently undertaking the project of repairing our steps outside of the gym in both areas. (Both the front steps and the side steps).

- Mr. Austing has patched some of the steps missing some larger pieces of concrete.
 - Mike Cochran has met with a contractor to discuss ways to fix the limestone and tuck pointing the gym and school.
 - Mural Project
 - The Munafo family has agreed to help us spearhead the mural project with the help of our art teacher, Mrs. Beatty. These murals will be painted on a moveable surface so we don't have to paint over them with repairing/repainting the building.
 - Parking Lot
 - Tammy Eppinghoff has agreed to be the point of contact person for obtaining bids to repair the parking lot.
 - Boys Bathroom
 - Mr. Austing has improved the lighting in the boys' bathroom by replacing light bulbs with two panels of florescent lights.
 - Salt/Plowing Snow
 - Mr. Collins and Craig Bucheit have been working together with the city of Hamilton to ensure the roads surrounding St. Pete's are cleared in a timely fashion when there is a snow event as well as working to improve clearing of the school and parish parking lots.
 - HELP WANTED:
 - We are currently looking for someone with a creative mind to help us determine the best color and pattern to paint the cafeteria. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Stephanie Strano at Stephanie_strano@yahoo.com
- **Fundraising** (*Kathleen Pendergest & Pam Schwartz*)
 - Friday Lunches and other new initiatives
 - Third lunch on Friday, January 15th from Chick-fil-A
 - Plan on having 1 or 2 per month
 - Epic makes a \$1.40 profit (\$474 from first two Friday lunches was raised!)
 - Trying to set up dates for Donation nights at local restaurants
 - March 12 – Parents Night Out (for students Grade K-4). Parents can pay to drop off kids to enjoy a kid free evening while they are supervised by parents and high school students!
 - Night at the Races – March 19th; flyers will be forthcoming
- **Marketing** (*Katie Crank & Jen Hengehold*)
 - Open House
 - Video is complete and being shared on social media! If you have not shared it, please take a moment to do so. This is our key ad for our upcoming open house scheduled for Sunday, January 24 from 1-3pm. We have already reached 30,000 views of our ad! Ads have been targeted to parents of school age parents in the area surrounding St. Pete's.
 - There will be a 30 second video that will be released this week. Please share that once it's published.
 - Yard signs should be out.
 - Updates were made to the Prospective Families section on the webpage.
 - Spirit wear
 - \$4000 of Rokkitwear spirit wear has been sold giving us an \$800 profit.
 - If you have any issues with any products purchased, please contact Amy Siegler.
- **Events** (*Amanda Ward*)
 - Book Fair Grandparent Breakfast Report

- Total sold at the book fair was \$9700; an increase of 30% from last year.
- Santa Shop
 - The students and families enjoyed giving and receiving these memorable gifts purchased at our annual Santa Shop.
 - Thank you to everyone that volunteered! Special thank you to our 8th grade students that help us set up and take down our shop! We couldn't have done it without their help!
- Family Christmas Caroling Report
 - Those that attended really enjoyed participating in this event.
 - Hope to increase the number of carolers next year.
- SPS Night at Perfect North Report
 - Canceled because there was no snow. We will schedule next year since our calendar is full.
- Skating Party—Sunday, January 17th at Skating on Main in Hamilton
- Father Daughter Dance—February 20th from 7-10
 - We need a new chair for the Father Daughter Dance for next year.
 - If anyone has any theme ideas, please let Shawna and Tiffany Brandabur know!
- Mother Son Bowl—March 5th
- **Welcome PAC** (*Andrea Brennan & Megan Halverson*)
 - Open House—January 24th
 - If you are interested in being a tour guide, please let Andrea Brennan or Megan Halverson know!
 - Kindergarten parents are encouraged to volunteer since you are familiar with the process of selecting a school.
 - Students in Grade 5 and up are welcome to be a tour guide.
 - Once registration is underway, we will do a new family matchup.
 - Please report to the school gym by 12:15 on Sunday, January 24th if you would like to be a tour guide. Lunch and snacks will be provided!
- **Teacher Support** (*Tiffany Brandabur*)
 - Hospitality Report
 - Be sure to keep up on your VIRTUS training if you want to volunteer to help in any capacity at SPS.
 - Christmas Parties Report
 - All went well, kids had fun!
- **Student Leadership** (*Megan Halverson & Stephanie Strano*)
 - *Has a committee meeting and formed some plans. The Student Leadership has named their purpose as providing our students with opportunities to uncover their own unique talents and abilities, and fostering those discoveries through experiences and leadership opportunities. Their hope is to form a Student Council, in collaboration with willing teachers, comprised of the 7th and 8th grades, that will be shaped around two questions: "How can we serve our school?" and "How can we serve our community?". They plan to bring the iSpace To Go Outreach program to school this spring, and will be working on bringing LEGO League and Girls on the Run for the 2016/2017 school year.*
- **Athletic Board** (*Mike Cochran*)
 - *Athletics will have an Open House table*
- **Scouts** (*James Craft, Sarah Kessler, & Karen Warner*)
 - *Scouts will have an Open House table*

III. Principal's Report (*Janie Acra*)

- Working on accreditation report. Will have more to report at our next EPIC Night
- Working on Catholic Schools Week. More information will be forthcoming.

IV. Calendar Updates/Reminders (*Megan Halverson*)

- Mark your calendar, and continue to check The Link and our website, for all mentioned events!
- Next EPIC Community Night... March 10th, 7pm at Ryan's Tavern. Social time will follow in place of a program.

EPIC—Financial Report

January 13, 2016

Cash Balance \$ 75,059.33

