

# Home and School Association

Date: January 17, 2012

Location: Media Center

**Attendees: Erin Dolan (President), Monica Burchett (Vice President), Steph Miller (Treasurer), Angie Balk (Secretary), Gwen Maro (Teacher Representative), Julie Delaney (Principal), Kevin Murphy (School Board Representative), Amy Scodeller (Past President), and Karly Driscoll**

## **President: Erin Dolan**

### 1. Breakfast with St. Nick

Event was well attended. More adult and student volunteers were needed. Panera will donate the bagels for next year.

### 2. Auction Update

This year there are 140 items for the silent auction and 14 items for the live auction. New for this year is an online auction which will run from January 29th-February 5th. The committee is planning food and drinks for 250 people. The event will be at Denning Hall this year due to the increasing cost of renting the Putnam and the requirement of buying alcohol through the Putnam. Classroom platters are not a part of the auction due to winning bids in the past not covering the cost of the platters.

### 3. St. Pat's Fun Night

Bridget Murphy and Brianna Lane will co-chair St. Pat's Fun Night.

### 4. Open positions for 2012-1013

The vice president and secretary positions are open for next year. Contact Erin if you are interested or want more information.

## **Vice President: Monica Burchett**

No report.

### **Treasurer: Steph Miller**

1. Review of 2011 Auction costs: \$3475 food, \$873 alcohol, \$28 pop, \$2500 Putnam rental.
2. Families interested in a report on their Panther Perks earnings for the year can contact Steph to receive the information.

### **Secretary: Angie Balk**

No report.

### **Teacher Representative: Gwen Maro**

1. No new equipment is needed for the kitchen this year.

### **Principal: Julie Delaney**

1. No word on whether the school has been awarded money from the Bechtel Grant for our technology plan.
2. The Alumni Newsletter sent out this year has resulted in donations from alumni living outside the area being sent to the school.
3. The budget for the 2012-2013 school year is being worked on. Differences to note:
  - An increase in enrollment is expected as the graduating 8th grade class is small and the incoming kindergarten is expected to be full.
  - A salary raise for teachers is being considered. Last year there was no raise.
  - Due to a cut in AEA's funding, the AEA will no longer be providing internet services (which includes firewalls, security) for free to St. Paul's. The estimated cost to replace these services is \$13,000 yearly. A technology fee of \$20 per family will be added to registration for 2012-2013. This fee will cover approximately \$6000 of the expenses. The remaining \$7,000 in cost will come from the technology budget.
  - The band fee will increase by \$10 a semester for the 2012-2013 school year. The band fee helps to cover the salary of the band director.
4. The school did win a Smart Board from Hy-Vee.

## **School Board Representative: Kevin Murphy**

### 1. Unpaid tuition

John Heideman has succeeded at lowering the \$47,000 in unpaid tuition debt from last year to \$12,000-\$14,000.

**Next Meeting: February 21, 2012, at Jersey Grille**