

**Saint Bridget PTO Board Meeting Agenda**  
**February 9, 2021 6:00 (Via Zoom)**

PRESENT: Maria Brown, Aaron Bumgarner, Laura Clift, Colleen Cook, Linda Dingus, Amanda Graziano, Meghan Hess, Angie Heyming, Gina McGee, Alices Mitchell, Amy Murphy, Laura Musick, Cuong Nguyen, Linda Pace, Katie Payne, Grace Ann, Kathryn Greber, Erin Sedwick, Jennie Shaw, Marie Swider, Shannon Weinstein, Missy Wood

**Opening Prayer: Missy Wood**

**School Leadership Report: Dr. Laura Clift**

- School will be closed to students on 2/24 for teachers to receive second vaccination
- Thursday, a group is meeting with Rob Sheeley, to look at marketing, communication, and branding
- This Sunday's "week at a glance" will have teaser for free tuition raffle. March 7-26 with live drawing. The school has a square account
- Parent Academies for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders (current 5<sup>th</sup> graders), and rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about high school credit classes
- Magnetic calendars – could we print some?

**Admission & Development Director's Report: Gina McGee**

- Admission updates – knee deep in assessments. Doing elementary and middle school assessments now. Have turned off online portal.
- Online re-enrollment February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Match new families in April – will be sent to Maria
- Social after Parent Academy to meet matched families

**Teacher's Report: Mrs. Dingus**

- Appreciate the help/gifts during Catholic schools week

**President's Report: Amanda Graziano**

- New bumper sticker – parent volunteers working to get a new "St B" bumper sticker
- Dr. Clift and Amanda are requesting support in the marketing area/branding- would like a representative. First meeting is Thursday, Feb 10 at 4:00.
- Amanda asked PTO members to draw an image of what you think of when think of Saint Bridget Schools logo- scan and submit to Amanda by Thursday morning
- Dr. Clift added: "what is the "mark" you see when you think about St Bridget?"
- Amanda encouraged members to think of peers who might want to serve in 2021-22 PTO

### **Vice-President's Report: Angie Heyming**

- Please let Angie or Amanda know if you are interested in switching committees for next year, or if you are interested in the Vice President role.

### **Secretary's Report: Jennie Shaw – no report**

### **Athletics: Cuong Nguyen**

- The golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and at this point we will try to keep it on the calendar. Planning will begin in March
- Spring Sports registration opened today – soccer, flag football, golf, tennis, track

### **School Supplies: Liv Schneider (not present, reported by Amanda Graziano)**

- Liv has given Mrs. Dingus last year's list to distribute to teachers. As in the past, they can just hand write addendums and changes and send them back to Liv.
- Amanda read the following message to PTO: Prices have increased for Lysol (I've been told they've contracted with Lysol and so these should be branded wipes) and Purell. Also, the prices reflected (at the top of each page) reflect our **existing \$5 fundraising fee** and a **new \$7 ship to home fee** which has been negotiated (thought not yet reflected) down to \$6. These 2 changes mean each year has gone up between 12-18%. A service that seemed very reasonable, now seems a bit pricey. As a reminder, we earned \$758 in 2019 and it should have been similar in 2020. I'm waiting for that number. I would recommend that this year we remove the fundraising fee and keep the \$6 ship to home fee. I know this means a loss of fundraising dollars, but the higher prices really are a big jump in one year and the program needs to be sustainable both from a parent cost and a PTO workload standpoint. The new price would be \$6 less than what is currently listed at the top of the page (\$1 negotiated decrease in shipping + \$5 loss of fundraising dollars).
- The group discussed and would like to keep some of the money as fundraising, citing that parents will pay for the convenience. Amanda will talk to Liv.
- After discussing with Liv, we decided to not give the option to ship to home and just to ship to school again this year. This will make the price for the parents only a slight increase but enable us to earn some money for the PTO.

### **Treasurer: Susanna Burt (not present)**

- Funds for service project for Maria Swider out of service day?

### **Service Team: Marie Swider**

- Update on service project – outreach with RPS, boxes of love for Oakgrove community. Starting this week, dropping at at-risk, lost jobs. By tomorrow we should hit 150. Tomorrow 10 students will be wrapping the boxes, with more to be done on Friday
- Boxes will be distributed next Wednesday
- Will put some items leftover from the Christmas shop
- If these run well, we may continue with elementary school after Valentine's Day

**Spiritual: Missy Wood**

- Saint Bridget Cookbook idea – ways to bring our community together, also raise money
- Very domestic and covid-friendly
- Mrs. Dingus said we had one years ago. Some of the recipes were even used in the cafeteria
- Katie Payne said she has pictures of cafeteria workers from the parish history
- Meghan said she thinks it is very timely with being at home and cooking more

**Volunteer Coordinator: Amy Murphy**

- Will reach out about cookbook interest/sign-up genius
- Maria will work with her about family support/matching questionnaire
- Updates on Q2 – 162 entries for free dress day
- Next one will be March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Drawing will be at the end of the year – need to brainstorm ideas

**Used-Uniform: Erin Sedwick**

- H&M are not accepting donations because of Covid. Goodwill not accepting logo clothing. Would RPS accept?
- Collection dates: March 1-12
- Sale date: March 26-26 (not confirmed)
- Brainstorm ways to make it a lower-touch event. Could set up a Venmo account. Do outside? Use sporting events/games? Cannot do a credit card exchange.
- We need to update to parents at for next PTO bulletin to tell parents that will no longer take uniforms with abbreviated “St.” or “Saint Bridget’s School”. Only clothing items that say “Saint Bridget School” will be accepted, as we will be changing the logo soon. Provide a list name of places where they can donate them. Also send in clean, non-ripped clothing.

**Communications: Caryn Molands (not present)**

- Please submit anything you would like included in tidbits and newsletter to Caryn , not directly to Adelaide

**Faculty Support: Aalice Mitchell and Laurie Oldiges**

- PTO and other parent groups alternating bringing in treats for teachers
- Staff birthdays – date will send in treat

**Fundraising: Colleen Cook**

- Governor’s orders – on or around March 1 will determine new social event criteria
- Outdoor event on 24<sup>th</sup> to replace Bulldog Blast – Colleen is looking at it and will hold on to it, but will not put any deposits back. Will not execute until we know more on orders

- Bad news – everyone who signed up to help has dispersed, and the two people who said they would help have been unresponsive. Colleen needs help soliciting donations for the auctions
- Good news – good bid pal meeting
- Event is penciled in
- Mom has brain tumor, and Colleen is the primary caregiver
- Amanda suggested possibilities of what to do this year.
- Three to four companies said they would help out, but then didn't

**Community Outreach: Aaron Bumgarner**

- Folder updates – outside vendor had been handling. Take inside flaps and front page – school and PTO opportunities. Same size logo for all.
- Back side: sponsors
- Inside flap: school calendar, volunteer opps
- Hope to make this a good fundraiser

**Hospitality: Maria Brown and Laura Musick**

- Maria reached out to families with buddies – trying to reach out to them much earlier, before the end of the school year.
- Hope to get interest in buddy families and match by April, maybe meet with Shannon to help keep people connected over the summer
- Social after Parent Academy, if covid numbers look better

**Room Parent Coordinator: Shannon Weinstein**

- Shannon is looking for room parents for next year
- More classes in 2021-22 mean more room parents
- Shannon will need emails of new families

**Spirit: Katie Payne and Kathryn Greber**

- Bingo Night updates – super fun night, lots of laughter, wish we could have been in person but it went really well. Likely over 100 families involved.
- Family March Madness challenge – prizes from StB owned families – last spirit event for the year
- Would like to get a Venmo account also

**NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2021**