

Saint Brigid Catholic School PTO Meeting Agenda November 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

PTO Mission Statement: "The mission of the Saint Brigid Catholic School Parent and Teacher Organization is to assist in providing moral, spiritual, and financial support that directly benefits the children who attend Saint Brigid Catholic School. In addition, the mission of the PTO is to provide such support to the staff of the school, enabling them to continually provide quality educational experiences for our children."

Meeting Start: 6:35pm

Present at the meeting Laura Wilkowski, Angelina Mitus, Scott Keyes, Karen Marshall, Amanda Heminger, Tyler Miller, Sara Groth, Jean Cronin, Heather Lyons, Megan Kehoe, Max Schneider

1. Laura Wilkowski opens with prayer
2. Welcome and introductions by Scott Keyes
3. Scott Keyes made a motion to approve the minutes from last month, Max Schneider seconded that motion

4. Jean Cronin gives the script update including:

We are ahead of last year at this time for second-quarter, thanks scripting day is this Thursday, our holiday contest starts Thursday, we will be giving two \$25 gift certificates, we are selling at the pancake breakfast and coffee and donuts. For more information see Jean's update attached.

5. Laura Wilkowski gives Principal update including:

Stay and play has started. We had about 15 kids at the last one! Preschool storytime also got off to a good start.

I have given two tours for kindergarten for next year and tours for some other grades. We have decided that open enrollment for next year will kick off on January 6, 2020.

The Emerald evening went very well and I expect the totals to top last years.

Our veterans day ceremony was well received as was our Saints assembly.

The book fair started today. We are hoping that our increased efforts to get the word out will help with increased sales.

The bishop is attending mass on Wednesday, we will have a reception with parents to follow at 9:30 AM in the face for mission library.

Our cousins MMA class has raise \$780 for the school because cousins donated the \$39 per student fee to the school. Please consider patronizing this business.

The downtown businesses came to join us on our soggy Halloween. We sent thank you's to each business and included them in our most recent newsletter. We would ask that you also consider patronizing these businesses.

Parent teacher conference will be held at the end of the month and report cards went out on Friday. A reminder that there will be no afterschool care on Tuesday, November 26.

I am asking the PTO to consider that next year some funds be provided for Krina Young, I reading specialist, especially because she is not eligible for teacher mini grants because she doesn't have a full-time class.

I am again advertising the position of after school lead teacher. If anyone knows someone that is interested please ask them to contact me.

Gary Bilotti, parish health and wellness coordinator, is arranging a wellness Wednesday beginning on December 4. The first topic of discussion is a ADHD.

6. Catherine Tate from the Legacy Center came to talk to parents about developmental assets. She spoke to us about opportunities to send out the youth connections magazine to all middle school families. She likened the developmental assets to Chili, the more ingredients that chili has the more flavorful it becomes. Likewise the more ingredients a kid has the better off they'll be when making decisions about risk taking behavior. She discussed two general categories of developmental assets including external and internal. Pages 12 and 13 of the youth connections magazine details those behaviors. The magazine comes out quarterly and is free of charge. Saint Brigid will send middle school addresses to the Legacy Center for distribution of the magazine but will allow an opt out for parents that do not wish to receive.

7. Father Andy wanted to thank the PTO for all of them their support. He noted that they have supported us not just financially but by building up teachers, including parents and activities and by becoming involved in all of the activities of the school.

8. Scott Keyes reminded people to bring a friend to the next meeting. Kindergarten was very well represented at tonight's meeting.