



Mary of Nazareth Catholic School HSA General Meeting Minutes September 15, 2020

HSA Meeting Broadcast on Facebook Live with Principal and HSA Executive Board (President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) participating via Zoom

Prayer and Opening Remarks by HSA President

- Welcomed and thanked everyone for their hard work.
- Discussed the purpose and mission of the HSA.
- Informed parents that the HSA Secretary and Treasurer positions have been extended for one year.
- President made a motion to accept the nomination of Jonathan Jenkins for Second Vice President of the HSA Board, Motion seconded, Vote to be taken via Google Forms
- Reported that HSA provided lunch to teachers for their two-week orientation before school started and provided “Hero” gift bags including items like hand sanitizer, lotion, snacks.
- Discussed restaurant nights and MoN spirit shop.
- Room parents are still needed.
- Please pay your HSA and CAF dues online.
- Please volunteer!

Treasurer’s Report

- HSA Budget posted on the Treasurer’s Corner of the HSA page of MoN website
- Reimbursement forms also available on Treasurer’s Corner
- Moved to accept the HSA budget posted on website, motion seconded, vote will be done via google forms

Development Office Report

- Update from the development office.
- Raise the Paddle at the MoN virtual auction was a record high. Funds were designated for the enhancement of distance learning capability.
- Thank you for your support!

Principal's Report

- Thank you to the school's Leadership Team!
- Thank you to the MoN Executive and Finance Committees of the Board!
- Thank you to our SUPERHERO TEACHERS!!
- Discussed:
 - Health & Safety
 - Following CDC Guidelines.
 - Please conduct health screenings at home (temperature/symptoms check before you drop your student off at school.
 - Continuing to follow and work on School Crisis procedures/ ALICE reunification.
 - Academics
 - MoN is working to continue to provide rigorous academic instruction.
 - Remediate-instruct-enrich.
 - Engagement is the Goal by increased face-to-face instruction, project based learning and hands-on activities
 - Social Emotional Focus
 - Trying to maintain a positive tone. "Superheros Wear Masks Too!"
 - Working on providing opportunities for brain breaks and getting outdoors.
 - Facilities
 - Working to provide more shaded areas outside, increased signage, hand sanitizing stations, new water fountains, built additional Mac Streaming Stations
 - Fire System & Fire Marshall Inspection Complete
 - Health Inspection Complete
 - Received Fire Alarm Control Panel Safety Grant
 - Communications
 - We understand you are all experiencing information saturation, we are too. Created a centralized link for communication and a communications page.

- Please check Social Media for updates.
 - Please read weekly newsletter.
 - School closings will be on Social Media and via text. ADW will make decisions on Montgomery County Catholic School closures.
 - Please e-mail MoN Helpdesk with technology questions.
- Technology
 - We have distributed more Chromebooks, working to ensure blended learners in K-5.
 - 1-1 device program working well with Middle School
 - CARES grant application denied - was planning on using for many technology plans - exploring whether we can continue to pursue and alternative ideas for funding (Including Raise the Paddle funds)
 - Wireless Fiber Optics and Increased bandwidth installed at school.
- Budget
 - Enrollment is up.
 - Our budget is updated in real time.
 - PPP Covid Relief helped us to keep up payroll.
 - We were able to provide tuition assistance through \$30,000 raised by parents.
- Arrival & Dismissal
 - Middle School arrival and dismissal ran smoothly.
 - K-5 may need to be modified - stay tuned!
 - Please remember - Car Engines OFF/ Be on Time / Masks On!
- Zoom Update
 - Zoom or Doom?
 - Working hard to improve simplicity, consistency, and ease of use. Please bear with us.
- Growth - Where can we improve?
 - Working to improve Zoom links on schedules.
 - Working on distance student outreach & connection.
 - STREAM Integration.
 - Technology Muscle Memory
 - K-5 Dismissal - may need changes
 - Technology Support
 - Parent Community Connections
 - Streamlining Communication

- MS parents looking for advisory clarification
- Balance
- Wins - What is Going Well?
 - Reopening! Proud to provide in-person learning for all of K-8.
 - AMAZING TEACHERS!
 - Arrival was very smooth.
 - Health & Safety.
 - Two-week orientation for teachers.
 - Bring your own device in MS.
 - Getting outside on campus, taking advantage of our beautiful space.
 - Professional Growth
 - Team-First Approach
 - Enrollment and Budget
- 70 x's 7
 - Please be patient and understanding
 - Please give us the Benefit of the Doubt
 - Accentuate the positive!

Principal took questions from parents:

- If you have trouble with Zoom, please e-mail MoN Help Desk.
- No plans to extend Middle School Tuesday and Thursday distance learning to a full day - Zoom lessons are much more work for teachers and school feels this is appropriate at this time.
- There will be administrative oversight of classes.
- Missing links for K-5 Specials Zooms - will be corrected.
- Working to ensure teachers are responsive to the Zoom "doorbell".
- No word yet on whether HSPT will be in person or electronic.
- MoN will conduct standardized testing this year.

Closing Prayer HSA President