



Sacred Heart Guild Meeting Minutes September 8, 2008

Opening Prayer – Father Dariusz

Approval of the June 2, 2008 Guild meeting minutes

2008-09 Guild Budget

The budget was reviewed line by line and approved by the Guild members

Speakers:

Dr. Calle

Current enrollment is 217 students

Mr. Wheeler, Physical Education, Mrs. Sardar, Computer Sciences and Mrs. Powers, RISEN LRC were welcomed as new staff

The school has new academic sections/departments that will allow for improved continuity and networking. These sections are for Early Elementary, Late Elementary, Middle School, Fine Arts and Music, Foreign Language, Technology and RISEN LRC. Each section/department has a coordinator.

New school administrative offices will be moved to the former Band room. This will improve coordination of the offices and safety of the school.

The RISEN program has been officially added to the Sacred Heart School and is now called the RISEN Learning Resource Center. It serves our students with special needs and now has an enrichment component for accelerated students.

Physical plant improvements have been performed on the kitchen, 3rd and 4th grade floors, the roof on the former band room and the school entrance. New parking lights have also been installed.

A new math curriculum for grades K-6 has been implemented. The staff underwent training for this in August. A new Religion curriculum was implemented for PreK 4 and Kindergarten.

4 additional SMART Boards were added with 1 each to the Early Elementary Grades Wing, cafeteria level classrooms, upper cafeteria level classrooms, RISEN LRC. The previous SMART Board will be used by the middle school science and math room.

The teachers have prepared their syllabi and they will be uploaded to the school web page. The school menus along with the monthly newsletter will also be added to the web page.

The new School Board is complete with 9 members. These members have areas of expertise in: Business/administration, Construction/Environment, Development/Fundraising, Education/Curriculum, Health/Wellness, Legal counseling, Science, Social Work and Technology. Jane O’Friel of RISEN, Nan Gibeault of Sports and Dave Singleton of the Guild are also invited guests to the Board.

Paid dress down days will be held on Tuesdays following the Guild meetings with the money raised going to various organizations for fundraising.

Nurse Cathi will be holding Safe Environment Training on September 9, 2008.

School Mass on the second Friday of the month will feature Faculty and Staff.

Laura Manfre, School Board President

A new school board has been appointed. The members are: Laura Manfre, Robert Szegda, Ann Renehan-Knowles, Katherine Hemenway, Michelle Grasser, Jeff Godley, Karen Walters, Kevin DiFilippo, Salvador Garcia.

Based on the recommendations of the NEASC, the Board will develop a 5 year strategic plan for the school as well as long range plan.

The Board will be posting their email address for families. Also, surveys will be sent out to families, teachers, etc for feedback.

Jane O’Friel, RISEN

An Inclusive Catholic Education Committee meeting will be held September 15th at 6:30pm.

RISEN fundraising is done primarily through grants and fundraisers – several have already been obtained for this year.

A RISEN Advisory Board meeting will be held October 2.

You can email them at RISEN@SacredHeartGroton.org

RISEN plans to sell glow sticks at the Marathon and school dances.

A Character breakfast will be held the Sunday of Catholic Schools Week.

A Golf Tournament will be held May/June 2009.

The RISEN newsletter will be available online at the schools website

Dr Calle on behalf of Nan Gibeault

Ron Foular has volunteered to be the new soccer coach.

An athletic information packet will be sent home for soccer and basketball.

Ron Foular, Marathon Chair

The Marathon Committee consists of: Nancy Kosman, Lauren Lyons, Chris Foular, Denise James and Mark Kosman.

Church Pledge weekends are Sept 20 and 21 at St. Patrick's, September 21 and 22 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sept 27 and 28 at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's.

Room parents have been selected and information will be sent home regarding this and a meeting for them on Thursday Sept 11.

Playground Woodchips

Woodchip distribution will be Saturday September 27 at 9:00am in coordination with the Boy Scouts. Volunteers are needed.

Halloween Party

The Halloween Party is scheduled for Sunday October 26 from 2-4 pm. Chairpersons and volunteers are needed.

Entry will be 2 bags of candy. Candy, food and door prizes are needed. Donations are welcome and needed for decorations, prizes, etc.

Groton Fall Festival

3 more volunteers are needed to man the School's table at the Groton Fall Festival on October 11th. The Festival is from 10-4pm and is a great way to represent our school.

Volunteerism

Volunteers are needed to help out with all the School activities and are greatly appreciated. Families can help with the Marathon, lunch time, recess, printing or making flyers, etc.

Web Usage

There are errors regarding Yahoo Groups email addresses. It was decided to eliminate the current Yahoo Groups email list and start fresh with a new group

Open Discussion

Trissy Poitras announced that the Mardi Gras Event will be held February 7th and will be an adult only event.

The 8th grade showed off a review of the winter uniform for the Middle School.

Closing Prayer – Dave Singleton