

**Minutes – Wednesday, January 10, 2018 HSA meeting:**

**H.S.A President, Lauren Mularski, President, calls meeting to order, Welcome & Prayer**

**Treasurer's Report – Blake Carter**

- Balance - \$13,742.51
- All H.S.A fundraisers for school year 2017/2018 are going towards the playground
- The fundraising budget amount requested by the school was for \$17,500
- Fundraiser Buy Out Option for 2018/2017 Plan Year Discussion
  - Parent feedback is that fundraising should be optional; parents should not be obligated to fundraise
  - Blake explained that all Catholic Schools offer a buy-out of fundraising – fundraising is a way to keep tuition down and to have fun events for the school community
  - The buyout option amount would come from the school and parents would agree and sign within the registration packet
  - Option to do both fundraise and buyout much like the current Volunteer Hours
  - Volunteer Hours and Fundraiser Buy Out are two separate Items

**Principal's Report – Principal Larry Fitzgerald; unable to attend Mrs. Hoover represented**

1. Survey results for survey that was sent just after Christmas break

**Positive survey results were:**

- Parental involvement
- Students and parents feel safe & secure
- Values taught in home are reinforced at school

**Areas for improvement**

- Physical appearance of school (school is over 100 years old)
- Availability of Financial Aid
- Would like to see more extracurricular activities (clubs & activities)
- Communication between school & home

2. Catholic School's week begins on January 21, 2018

Each grade to attend Mass at their designated parish (times and masses TBD)

3. School Open house event – January 28, 2018

Sign up genius will be coming, parent volunteers needed, largest recruiting event for school.

Principal Fitzgerald's goal is to have 200+ in enrollment

### **Feedback on December 2017 Events/Fundraisers:**

- Breakfast with Santa –
  - Fun event; well attended; no issues with bathroom monitors children well behaved and parents seemed to enjoy as well
- Children's Shopping Day –
  - Kids love this; parents even enjoy the receipt of "gifts"
- Scholastic Book Fair
  - Need a new chairperson for 2018/2019 school year; would like to see event moved back to the week of parent/teacher conferences

### **Upcoming January 2018 Events/Fundraisers:**

- Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day – No School
- Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – NUT Day
- Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Roller Skating Event / Ice Skating – pushed out to February
  - Ice Skating Rink in Hubbard Park, Meriden CT
- Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Father Daughter Dance
  - Will need a new chairperson to shadow Krista Santagata (2018/2019 last year)
- Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Open House
- January 31<sup>st</sup> (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) – Pasta Dinner for the Obi Family in St. Mary Parish Center

### **Upcoming February 2018 Events/Fundraisers:**

- Butter Braid Fundraiser – February 6<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>
- H.S.A Meeting – February 7<sup>th</sup>
- NUT DAY – February 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Questions & Answers / Comments:**

- If you would like to chair an event or would like to shadow an event to host, please contact Lauren Mularski/H.S.A President
- Winter Time / Outside Recess Discussion
  - Send in waterproof gloves, winter coats, boots, hats and scarves
  - Outside recess everyday – 20 minutes every day
  - Parents feel if its single digit weather then there should be no outside play
- Dress code for school event and activities is not being adhered, specific example was Christmas Pageant – students in sweatpants on the alter, inappropriate dress, students should not be allowed to participate, home to change or wear Formal Uniform if no other option.
- Hartford Marathon Foundation reached out to Jamila Ranno and Ninette LaPila for assistance with 10-mile road race in April – Water Station; Tina Rideout and Ninette LaPila will assist the Hartford Marathon Foundation and Volunteer to run the road race water station on April 8<sup>th</sup> – will need student and parent volunteers.