



Minutes from January 2010 HSA Meeting

Attendance:

Principal Sr. Anne Landry
Elizabeth Steede
Katie Ingram
Ellen Dougherty
Kristen Hayes
Jill Luciani
Stephen Getlik
Megan Backes
Nick Adamson
Becky Gerace
Nikola Kratky

Principal's Report by Sr. Anne Landry

Blue Ribbon Application

- ***We DID IT! Our Lady Star of the Sea School is a Blue Ribbon Finalist. We were one of the 50, out of 140 schools, who continued on to the final application round. Our finalist nomination indicates that OLSS is in the top 10% of performance for all the schools in the nation!!! Way to go OLSS!!!!!!!!!!***

Curriculum Updates

- Last years IOWA test results will be reviewed by Sr. Anne and the staff to determine areas of curriculum strength and areas that could use improvement.

Exciting Marketing News!

- OLSS has contacted the Stamford Advocate to run a full article announcing our Blue Ribbon Finalist status.

Increased Interest and Enrollment

- Many new families have come to view the school and expressed interest in attending next year. Some new children began attending OLSS after the winter break.

Advocacy

- Sr. Anne is pursuing coverage for our Nurse for the 2010-11 school year by the Stamford City Budget. She has met directly with Mayor Pavia regarding this issue and will continue to follow up with all possible avenues.

Treasurer's Update- Kate Ingram

- Book Fair profited \$1500.00 plus over \$600.00 in books for the teacher's/classrooms
- The Gift Wrap Fundraiser is a year round event and continues to bring in some profits. Orders can be continually taken online at www.gafundraising.com
- Teacher's Bonuses were very generous and almost equal to last year. The teacher's expressed heartfelt gratitude towards all our families for their generosity.
- The Barnes and Nobel Gift Wrap Fundraiser profited \$246.00

Enrichment Program Coordinator Update- Stephen Getlik

- Mr. Getlik is pursuing many amazing Enrichment Programs for our children including but not limited to: Ceramics Workshop, Orchestra Presentation, African Drummers, Tin Cup Pioneer Day, and possible trip to Hoyt Bedford House.
- Family Fun Night is fast approaching and Mr. Getlik has planning underway. All Enrichment Activity ideas are welcome!
- Coordination between Stamford Catholic Schools will be established by E. Steede and E. Dougherty at the Advisory Board Meetings

Teacher's Christmas Luncheon

- The Teacher's had a wonderful luncheon and expressed written appreciation to the HSA via Thank You Notes. Well done, Angie Gaudiano, Maryann Tamburri, and Michelle Robotti, who chaired the Luncheon and Gretchen Raymond who did all the cooking.

Suggestions, Questions, Issues

- Megan Backes suggested we change the voicemail to include Blue Ribbon Finalist information.
- Nikola Kratky will be putting together a sign for the front of the property
- Jill Lunciani and Nick Adamson suggested and volunteered to compile a marketing sheet explaining the benefits of an OLSS education for our children.
- Volunteers are needed for Mrs. Ryan's Portico Dedication Ceremony in March

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Kristen Hayes HSA Secretary