

**St. Francis of Assisi
Home & School Meeting
November 21, 2011**

I. Opening Prayer.

Home and School President, Lisa Fraizer, opened the meeting with a prayer and called it to order.

II. Approval of Prior Minutes.

Laurie Cosgrove moved to approved the minutes from the October meeting, which was seconded by Sara Brinker. The Consent Agenda was circulated and no amendments were offered.

III. Principal's Report by Misty Hade.

Conferences were added Monday afternoon to help the three teachers who have 150 students and needed additional time to meet with all parents. ITBS scores generally have been returned close to the Thanksgiving break. They will not be received this year until January. Misty Hade has received many emails relating to a request for a Christmas pageant. Weekly advent prayer services begin November 29th and all are welcome. Many opportunities are offered to celebrate the Advent season. Several grades are preparing Christmas concerts.

Results of the online survey to parents have been received and are being reviewed. An action plan and the results will be shared with parents in January.

St. Francis is applying for National Blue ribbon recognition. Only 50 non-public school names can be submitted for consideration from the 150-200 that apply.

The Annual Christmas collection is underway for teachers, staff and priests. Donations are accepted until December 9th and should be delivered to the office.

IV. Treasurer's Report by Katherine Hedrick.

No report this month because nothing has been received from the office.

V. Communication Secretary's Report by Laurie Cosgrove.

A separate email invitation to the meeting was made by the school office to all parents. The invitations will continue in hopes of increasing attendance at Home and School meetings.

The meeting will be moved back a week in January to the 23rd.

The February meeting will also be moved back to the 27th.

The new website is being released to the teachers to populate. There will be a link to H & S on the front page.

VI. Committee Reports.

- A. Gala/Auction. Packets have been sent home with youngest/only. If tickets are purchased by 1/6, the students of the purchaser(s) will receive a PJ day pass for February. This year's Gala will include a cash raffle and a raffle for tuition (including kid's care). The Giving Tree is already up outside of the school office.
- B. SCRIP Report by Laura Krejchi.
Laura added to the Consent Agenda report with a report that holiday flyers advertising SCRIP for the holidays would be sent home with the youngest/only child.
- C. Homeroom Parent. No report.

- D. Box Tops. No report.
- E. School Spirit. No report.
- F. Board of Education. No representative present.

VII. Old Business.

Kara Pollpeter reported that the committee continues to work on revisions to the Bylaws and is making good progress. The Committee hopes to present the revisions for discussion at the January meeting and will provide a draft in advance of the meeting for review.

VIII. New Business.

- A. Playground Committee. Jill Frerichs presented a proposed, detailed short and long term plan for the play ground. The Committee has met with Schneiders at Backyard Adventures for pricing on additions to the playground. The Committee also met with Misty Hade and Tom Nolan to discuss needs, costs, concerns and ideas for the playground.
 1. The Committee has mapped out the space and proposed additions.
 2. The Committee also visited many public schools playground areas and took pictures which were circulated at the meeting.
 3. The short-term plan (within the next calendar year) the Committee is proposing placing mulch in the grass/mud area south of the existing play structure. As part of the short term proposal the Committee is also recommending free standing equipment be placed along the east fence.
 4. Several attendees raised questions and concerns including a request for information on other non-public playgrounds in the area, safety concerns about certain pieces of equipment, including swings.
 5. The Committees current planned course of action is to seek input on how to proceed long term with additions on the field across the street, obtain firm pricing to mulch the area south of the existing play structure and wait to see how much funding may be available following the Auction/Gala. The Committee plans to have firm pricing estimates for the February meeting.
- B. A discussion of the possible conversion to HyVee coupon books and away from the Entertainment Books was held. A financial comparison of the books shows that more money could be made from the HyVee/local coupon books than is currently made from the Entertainment books and the vendors are all local businesses. A motion was made by Sara Brinker to authorize the change to the HyVee/local coupon books in the 2012-2013 school year. The motion was seconded by Cindy Hurley, carried and was approved.

IX. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Laurie Cosgrove and was seconded by Cindy Hurley. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm. There will be no Home and School meeting in December.