

Saint Anne School  
Parent Teacher Association  
Minutes from Meeting Held on October 4th, 2011

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

1. Enrollment Updates – currently 220 kids enrolled. There are many enquiries coming into the school. Will create larger class sizes for the future.
2. ITBS Testing - completed for Grades 2-8
3. Music Program Updates – 53 kids from grades 3-8 enrolled in the strings program. Violins, cello & violas will be playing in the orchestra program 4 days a week from 3:45-4:45 starting Monday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. Kids mentored by Crossroads.
4. After School Program Update – good program and running well
5. Progress Reports – went out on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Gradelink is up and running. For parent with kids in K, they are currently not able to see subgrades.
6. Art Card Project Timeline – there is a 10 week lead time. Cards were meant to have been completed by Oct. 12. Too late to have cards ready for Christmas cards. Can still do this project for another occasion – Thank You cards or generic cards that are blank inside. Cannot have religious tones. Top selling cards will be sold at Trader Joes.

NEW BUSINESS /REPORTS:

1. Walk/Run/Jog Before School Program – Being run by parents and it's going really well. Progress is being tracked by class & by kids. Grades K-5 has completed and reached 1<sup>st</sup> mission, 6<sup>th</sup> is almost there, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> not really "moving". More kids are joining. T-shirt being designed for the kids that are participating. Would like to find out if teachers have noticed any change in the kids and their performance in class. New event we will be participating in is trying to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the most people Jumping Jacks in a 24 hour period. Students, parents & teachers do jumping jacks in school for one minute. This will be on Oct 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. Gym Class available for kids in K-2. This is being offered by Broadway Gymnastics. Information is available off campus. Kids get picked up & brought back by 5:00.
3. Dance Classes – current teacher would like to offer classes for older grades if there is a demand. There may be conflict due o music program. Could possibly be on a Wednesday.
4. Peaceful Playgrounds – Design permanent playground activities that help make activity time more positive & productive like alphabet & number grids, hopping & skipping lines etc.
5. Walkie Talkie Product Review – needs to be cost effective but good quality ones. Need around 10 sets. Jeanee Miranda will research what's around.

#### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Preschool Ambassadors – we need parents in K to go back to their children’s preschools with flyers about St. Anne. Details from Carol O’Day.
2. Scout Leaders – trying to get this off the ground but difficult. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have one and going well. There seems to be a commitment but we need parents to volunteer and run them.

#### WORK GROUPS:

1. Parents Activities – Wine & Cheese night. Want to see viability of babysitting at school for parent activities. There are liability issues and no insurance coverage. Needs to be checked.
2. Kids Activities –
  - a. Movie Night. Commences at 6:00-8:00. No PG-13 movies. Can do more than one movie night during the year. Need volunteers to cleanup. Mr. Browning to check whether Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> is available.
  - b. Another suggested activity was a video & pasta night – kids competing with video games (xbox, Nintendo etc)
  - c. Create a “garden” in the yard. Kids to plant

\*\* Would like to hold the Wine & Cheese night on the same night as the Movie Night\*\*\* This needs to be finalized at the next PTA meeting.