

## H.S.A. Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2015

**Opening Prayer**

**Mr. Showalter**

**Approved January Minutes**

**Carlos Pla**

**Principal's Report**

**Mr. Showalter**

Maryland Tax Credit (Public money going to Catholic school) – Bill to be introduced in Maryland Legislature next week.

**Unfinished Business**

**Carlos Pla**

Service hours (School Advisory Board (SAB) voted to approve the following policy:  
CYO – 5-service hour requirement. Once you fulfill your 5 hours here, the rest can go to H.S.A. requirement.

HSA – 20-service hour requirement.

Virtus Training:

Get 3-service hours for doing the class (Class is 2 hours long) and electronic background check in school office.

**New Business:**

**Vote 1: H.S.A. meetings to go every other month from once a month starting in 2015-2016 school year. Must make all meetings to qualify for \$2,500 tuition grant.**

\*\* Shelly Henson made a motion to approve \*\*

**Brenda Joseph** brings up having recurring reminders and send out a Survey Monkey to get more people to vote.

**Kim Cox** wants to know if meetings will still be on Weds. at 7 pm.

**Kelly Sandacz** thinks people will be less willing to come to meetings every other month.

Will this take away from the St. Mary's community? She came from another school that went to 3 meetings a year and feels like you lose a certain dynamic with less frequent meetings.

**Sharon Bookwalter** brings up that the October missing meeting will interfere with Book Fair.

**Mrs. Contreras** – Suggested digesting all this information and holding vote until next meeting

**Rachele Pla** – How does this affect Back to School night?

Pick out months that are less attended and drop those instead of going every other month.

**Roger Jeffrey** – Isn't there time to vote before the school year? School starts next year on Aug. 31.

**\*\*Discussion tabled until March 11, 2015 meeting\*\***

**Vote 2: Addition to H.S.A. Budget – Purchasing H.S.A. meeting at 7 p.m. signs**

**\*\*Kelly Sandacz makes motion to purchase signs\*\***

**VOTE 2 passes**

**Raz kids(online reading companion)**

**A. Stickley**

Allows teacher to give child a book on their reading level. Having those books helps to target those students reading needs.

It's an online companion in Reading A to Z program.

Students in Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade using computers in classrooms and teachers can access.

APP available – Ebooks available for your students to use. Similar to IXL.

Ms. Schiffer will use to target students who are below their reading level.

Provides extra reinforcement for students at home.

Looking to purchase real books in 40 books in each reading level in 6 sets each.

**AR Program (accelerated reader)**

**S. Bookwalter**

Grades 1 to 8

Students take quiz on a book they have read.

Guide is available in library in case students forget.

Different goals set for each grade level.

When a student takes a quiz, they earn points for how well they do on quiz.

Friendly competition – Student who earns most points and 2 runner ups get a gift card at end of school year. Top 5 student of each grade get a certificate.

**Upcoming events**

**L. Woltman**

**In-house field trip** -- Stations of Cross will be done during Lent

**Hogan-Keplinger Award** – Award will be given to faculty, staff or parent for their service to the school. Start thinking of candidates.

**Family Literacy Night** – Thurs., Feb. 26 geared toward Pre-K to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 6 to 7 pm. Any questions, please contact Ms. Stickley or Mrs. Clark

**Pizza Bingo** – Sue Ervin -- Sat., March 14 (St. Patrick's Day theme). Service hours available.

**Career Day** – Brenda Joseph – Thurs., May 7, 2015 (will always be first Thurs. of May)  
How many new parents do we have?

**Next meeting Mar. 4 at 6pm at school.** Volunteers needed. Earn service hours.

**Candy bar sale** – \$18,500 for sales, \$9,000 or \$10,000 profit.  
Money goes to technology.

**Banner Count**

1st grade wins