

**Parent – Teacher Council  
Meeting Notes 2/17/16  
St. Monica Catholic Elementary School**

Attendees:

Barbara Corrigan- President  
Anna Korte- Fundraising  
Diane Gasper- Christian Service  
Gillian Ricotta- Technology  
Laura Heimer- Enrichment  
Nina Knierim- Secretary  
Paola Sessarego- Vice Principal  
Allen Jerkens- Hospitality  
Maureen Tomlin- Christian Service  
Elizabeth Nuzzolese- Teacher's Rep

Barbara Corrigan  
Welcome and Opening Prayer

Paola Sessarego

Principal Update: There is ongoing recruiting for 2017 enrollment and 94% of current families are staying. We are accepting applications for grades 1-8 and the Shadow Day for potential students is the week of February 29<sup>th</sup>. Requesting that the PTC continue marketing the school in the community. Thanks to Maureen Snider and parent volunteers for organizing the Staff Appreciation Day lunch.

Liz Nuzzolese

Staff Update:

There is a WCEA Self Study and there will be WCEA accreditation next year. The Administration Team is working on it and meeting deadlines.  
Thanks to the PTC Committee's input into the SLE's—the team is now in the process of finalizing them.

Anna Korte

SMASH Update:

We will begin with the Silent Auction in the Pavilion and then move to the Gym for the dinner and presentation portion and then back to the Gym for social soiree afterward. Each year we end up receiving a lot of funds from the SMASH event from both the parents of the schools and from the parish participants. It would be great if the PTC could assist to bring in any type of event-type tickets as auction items, for example-- Lakers tickets, concert tickets, etc.- Also, the committee would like assistance in bringing in wine-type items (like wine glasses, bottles, openers, etc.)- If you would like to become more involved in SMASH – which is honoring Kevin McCardle (Board President of the school as he has done a lot for each of the schools over the years)- please let Anna K. know. There was conversation last year about selling tickets for the “young adult after-party” and are we going to do that again this

year? Anna said that yes, they are going to look into that again. Also, there is a request if we could please add in the parent newsletters a little more information regarding what SMASH funds actually used for—a little section, “Did you know...?”

Nina Knierim

Social Media Use Update:

Communicated with Mrs. Tuverson and Dr. Quinly regarding the school’s social media policy and received a note back referencing St. Monica’s AUP (acceptable use policy) for school internet/laptop/computers as it pertains to social media. It was explained to her that the concern was more aimed at social media education of the lower grades (grades 4-6) as St. Monica does not have a formal course or curriculum aimed at educating our students of the laws, dangers, and permanency of making information available online.

Ms. Nuzz provided additional helpful information as the Technology Committee was also discussing this topic in their monthly meeting. She volunteered to take this as an action item to their next meeting and come to us with what they decided to do as next steps.

Other suggestions:

- a) were that there was a technology media night hosted (with Ms. Lydiard) for parents last year and that it might be a good idea to host another this year.
- b) Cover the topic at the Parent’s Mandatory Meeting
- c) Put in a small digestible amount of information to go home to parents in a one-two pager.
- d) Have the teachers provide information on “cyber civics”

Barbara Corrigan

Follow up from last year agenda:

*Online Volunteer Hours log:* Right now you cannot go back and look at how many hours that you have logged. Gillian is going to follow up to see if it is possible to make this functionality available to us.

*Archives of PTC Minutes Online:* Right now there is only one month’s minutes up at a time and we would like to have an archive so you can search past month’s minutes. Gillian is going to follow up on this item as well.

*SMCES shop:* There was talk about doing a physical shop or make an online “pop-up shop.” The issue is that we really don’t have space right now to set it up but it is possible when the new buildings are finished.

Anna Korte

New Business:

Keeping the yard clean- The elementary school kids are not very good about keeping the yard clean especially during meal times and they are not picking up after themselves. She believes that the teachers can make the students responsible for keeping the yard clean either by a class-by-class basis or per lunch period.