

## MQP Home & School Association - Meeting Agenda

January 20, 2022 at 7pm - Holy Family Room

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7:00 – 7:05	<b>Opening Prayer - Karen Reilly</b>
7:05 – 7:35	<p><b>On-Going Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit Wear - Jessie Austermann - <i>Jessie Austermann reported that some items previously ordered are still on backorder – currently working with those families/vendor to see if customers want to cancel order, change to available product/color, etc. Jogger pants should be in soon. A potential NEW vendor has been identified and is currently building an MQP website, Jessie should see the mock-up by next week. New vendor offers more flexibility to ship orders to school OR home and access to a wider variety of items. <b>Jessie will continue to work with new vendor and report progress/updates to HASA.</b></i></li><li>• Playground - Jennifer Hulsen - <i>Jennifer Hulsen reported that the Playground Committee continues to meet. The archdiocesan freeze on large capital expenditures has caused the group to pivot from large-scale replacement of playground to smaller improvements. The committee is in talks with rectory on project for re-sealing/stripping blacktop to include space for playground games. Lindsey Field is keeping up with teachers' requests for classroom playground equipment (balls, etc.). Idea currently being discussed involves a children's village area for younger kids to replace the Little Tykes house. Landscaping ideas also being explored to freshen up the area. Idea was raised to convert gated area with A/C units to construction truck play area with simple addition of gravel – idea will be brought back to the committee for discussion. Still looking for feedback – ideas are welcome! <b>Jennifer will continue to report progress/updates to HASA.</b></i></li></ul> <p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grandparents' Day - Lisa Voges/Danielle Emert - <i>Lisa Voges reported that Grandparents' Day is still not on this year's calendar – it had been canceled last November due to Covid concerns. The group discussed the pros (nice family event, fun for kids)/cons (Covid still a major concern, busy calendar in April/May, 3-story school with one elevator for elderly guests) of having this event but ultimately decided to postpone and try again for next year. <b>HASA will keep this event/finding additional chairpersons as a priority for next school year 2022-2023.</b></i></li><li>• Open House - Lisa Voges - <i>Lisa Voges and Miss Smith reported that an Open House is being planned for February, 2022. <b>HASA will compile a list of volunteers for the Ambassador Program – these MQP Ambassadors will conduct tours for potential new families visiting MQP. Please contact Karen Reilly or Lisa Voges to volunteer.</b> Miss Smith reported that re-enrollment for existing families will begin on Jan 31, 2022 – then after a few weeks remaining spots will open up to new families. Ideas for tours include time spent in classroom, hearing from teachers/administration and access to information on curriculum and parish/school organizations.</i></li><li>• Catholic Schools Week - Miss Smith - <i>Miss Smith reported that Catholic Schools Week plans are currently being set for Jan 31 - Feb 4, 2022 by MQP teachers/staff and 8th grade. Some traditional events will go on but some are not possible due to current Covid protocols – hopefully some of these (Family Lunch, 8th Grade Volleyball Game, etc) can be rescheduled for a later date. <b>Details for Catholic Schools Week to be released when they are finalized.</b></i></li><li>• Auction Update - Jill Azar/Julie Redmond - <i>Jill Azar and Julie Redmond submitted the following report: We have postponed the February kick off. We are hoping to reschedule for sometime in early Spring. The kick off is meant to start the momentum, targeting parishioners for committee involvement, donations and sponsorships. Details to follow. Committee heads have been accepted and an early spring meeting will be set to get a timeline in place. Logo design is just getting started! If there is a role you are interested in, ask and you shall RECEIVE! Save the date to be posted in bulletin, social media etc, starting in early spring. Looking forward</i></li></ul>

	<p>to a spring, summer and fall worth of planning! Again, date is Saturday, November 5th at the MQP GYM! <b>If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jill Azar or Julie Redmond.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring Fest Update - Craig Avery - Craig Avery reported that many people have stepped up to fill key roles for Spring Festival, allowing the event to take place this year. However, numerous shadows are still needed and the sooner the better – kick-off meeting is Thursday Jan 27, 2022. Many volunteers will be needed; ideas raised included class assignments/parish organizations being in charge of something versus open volunteer slot sign-ups. Longevity for this profitable event will require a change in culture/better volunteerism for long-term success. <b>Please contact Craig Avery if you are interested in learning more about shadow opportunities.</b></li> <li>• Spring Fling Update - Clare MacConnell/Amanda Gianino - Clare MacConnell reported that a robust committee of parent volunteers has been formed to organize spring fling – event has not happened since 2019 which has made shadowing/learning the job difficult. Committee is working hard to find creative ways to get the message out to new families/remind existing families what the event is all about. The committee has the full list of 2019 parties and will be looking for new ideas for sign-up parties to add. Idea was also discussed of ensuring that parents understand what it means to host a party (i.e. paying for all expenses as a donation to MQP). <b>Clare and committee will have a kick-off meeting next week and will report back to HASA with progress/updates. Please contact Clare MacConnell or Amanda Gianino with any sign-up party ideas.</b></li> </ul>
7:35 – 7:40	<b>Pastor's Report</b> – Fr. Craig - No report this month.
7:40 – 7:50	<p><b>Principal's Report</b> – Miss Smith - Miss Smith reported that a TA for the 3s has been hired and is in place. Interviews are on-going for help with the 4s. The nation-wide worker shortage is definitely affecting this process. Likewise, the national supply chain issues are affecting the delivery of ipads/laptops – the government is also 8-12 weeks behind in EANS reimbursements. As a result, replacement of smart boards will be delayed (target summer 2022) until existing reimbursements are processed. Many laptops/ipads and air pods have been received! Miss Smith is currently working on a management system with our IT company to synchronize updates on all devices. Miss Smith asked for prayers for 8th graders as they receive high school acceptance letters next week. Postponed (due to Covid) 6th grade camps are happening in March for current 7th and 8th graders. A speech screening will be offered in February. Chess Club has begun again with many new members. Adoration/Benediction is happening after All-School masses every other week. Covid numbers are going down – praying the trend continues. MQP maintains a healthy sub list of about 25 subs but recent covid related staffing issues still made things very difficult. Miss Smith is currently reviewing all second quarter report cards; they will be available online after 3pm on Friday January 21, 2022. Miss Smith reported that the teachers/staff were VERY grateful for the generous gifts.</p>
7:50 – 8:00	<b>Board of Education Report</b> - Beth Radefeld - No report this month.
8:00 - 8:20	<p><b>President's Report</b> – Lisa Voges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank You/Shout Outs - Lisa Voges thanked chairpersons/volunteers for recent successful school events – some public and and many 'behind-the-scenes' – for ALL their hard work!</li> <li>• VP Roles - Lisa introduced the three VPs of School (Jennifer Hulsen), Social (Danielle Emert) and Fundraising (Kristen Figge) activities. <b>Event chairpersons are to stay in communication with their VP during their event planning process – i.e. include them in planning/update meetings and copy them in on emails. They are there to help you!</b></li> <li>• Fundraisers - SHOP, Feb Fundraiser - Lisa reported that SHOP Program profits have declined due to changes in accessibility brought on by COVID. However, research shows that it is a good long-term fundraising tool. Goal is to find new leadership and re-launch the program. In addition, since Boosterthon kept so much of the profits, a decision was made to start a new fundraiser. Funds raised would be earmarked for technology updates. Per Lisa's discussion with Father Craig, we have two options – Path ONE involves working with the tools we currently have (MQPWG.org, Fast Direct, Flock Notes, etc) to create a single source for information (idea</li> </ul>

	<p>of parents having unique login credentials so that posted information is private/not accessible to the public). Path TWO involves starting all over with new technology; the BOARD is also researching this. Bids are currently being sought to present to Father Craig and Miss Smith to improve technology; could use technology funds freed up by EANS Program and/or raise new funds via a fundraiser. Goal is to improve/streamline communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Positions/Roster Review/Updates - Lisa Voges/Karen Reilly - Lisa emphasized the importance of filling open positions on the HASA roster NOW, while shadows can actively participate and learn. Several names were offered up as potential candidates and Lisa Voges/Karen Reilly are following up with those individuals. Everyone is asked to please encourage parents they know to take on a volunteer role and get involved!</li> <li>• New Positions - Social Chairs, Marketing Committee - Lisa discussed the possibility for new HASA positions – a Social Committee with social chairs for each grade or class; these chairs would head up planning social gatherings for the parents as a way to bond, promote cohesiveness/belonging within the the MQP community. This would be different from fundraising opportunities (sign-up parties) with a pure focus on being social. This will be re-visited after COVID. Also, a marketing committee will be created capitalizing on in-house talent (marketing professionals among the parents); focus will be on a social media presence, videos, etc. Idea was raised at meeting for a parent survey – what are your talents; where/when can you volunteer to better tap into volunteer market.</li> <li>• Update - COVID Help, Website Updates, Lobby Display - Lisa reported that Kylene Blumeyer/Katie Basara headed up an effort to provide a coffee bar in the teachers' lounge to offer support during the recent covid surge and shortage in staffing/increase in workload. Discussion revolved around sprucing up the teachers' lounge – adding kids' artwork, handwritten notes of affirmation, etc. Yvette Pelikan offered to head up a program similar to one at her school involving kids writing notes about their teachers on a google form; Lisa will follow up with Yvette and Ellen Fesler to get this in the works for Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6, 2022. Mari Barringer offered to collect kids' artwork and decorate the lounge - Lisa will follow up with Mari and Mrs. Jasin to coordinate this effort. Karen Reilly will communicate with Social Room Moms and ask parents/students to communicate their thanks to teachers via email/notes. Lisa reported she has obtained one bid for the front lobby and is seeking more; work involves mounting TV display to show pictures/videos/announcements and spruce up front lobby area. Also, the 27 boxes of unused math books in the lobby are to be donated – Mrs. Stindel has reached out to Southside Academy who has accepted materials from us in the past. Lisa Voges, Karen Reilly, Lindsey Field and Kylene Blumeyer have volunteered to coordinate this delivery.</li> </ul>
8:20 - 8:30	<p><b>Treasurer's Report – Elise Holland</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Update - Elise Holland reported that HASA has a healthy balance of approximately \$117,000. Recent events like Brat Fest and Trunk or Treat made a profit - although those events are not expected to make money, it is a nice bonus for this year in the absence of any normal fundraising. Scholastic book fair made a nice profit which added to last year's proceeds amounting to over \$6000 in credit from Scholastic. Kylene Blumeyer to identify possible expenditures (rugs, book shelves, cabinets) and discuss with Lisa Voges/Elise Holland to create a Scholastic Wish List. Elise urged event chairs to work with her with questions/assistance with their budget and address any concerns with her.</li> <li>• Fundraising Profits - Trunk or Treat/Book Fair/Spirit Wear - Elise reported event profits (listed above) along with Spirit Wear which has made \$2000. School Supplies has made \$800.</li> <li>• Staff Gift Update/Amazon Smile - Sarah Saguto, Assistant Treasurer - Sarah reported that 149 families donated to the Staff Gift Fund in December allowing MQP to gift \$325 to each of 49 staff/faculty members. These gifts were very much appreciated. Sarah also reported that Amazon Smile has made a profit of \$218 – Sarah to work to increase awareness of the program and continue to distribute instructions on how to set it up on your Amazon app/account.</li> </ul>

The next Home and School Meeting will take place on  
Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7pm in the Holy Family Room.  
Event Chairpersons – Meet/Communicate With Your VPs Between Official HASA Meetings!