

Opening of Meeting

- **Call to Order:** 6:31 by Liz Christofylakis

- **Prayer:** Liz Christofylakis

- **Roll Call:**

In attendance: Liz Christofylakis, Marissa Demir, Jim Stavrou (virtual), George Argires, Jim Galanis, Connie Cassiani

Not in attendance: Beth Lind, Fr. Chris Avramopoulos, Dean Korolis, Elliot Danos, Maria Douros

- **School Board Chair Opening Remarks:**

Thanked gala chairs; Will get a soft revenue update from Marissa. Food and ambiance fantastic

- **Approval of September 19th 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Approved

- **Community Comments**

- Parameters given to presenter, Katrina Zorbas, had questions and comments about school goals
- Passed out to board ISBE Report card
- Talked about strategic plan; great but wants additions if possible consider a reading and math school wide goal; climate and culture goal-category of ISBE
- 5 essentials-schools have positive score on 3 or more of the 5 essentials then shows that they are improving the students growth
- Favorite book Big Potential by Shawn Achor
- Consideration of the goals in strategic plan
- Liz to suggest a book study on the Big Potential book
- Second Request via email: Where exactly are PTA funds from the previous school year (2023-2024)? Funds were dispersed in the following way: Interactive T.V. \$2000, \$12,000 for windows, Kindergarten chairs \$2000 and donations, Preschool chairs \$600, security \$8000

Interim Head of School Report:

- Students in Grades 7 & 8 will be participating in the Homerathon at the Hellenic Museum tomorrow (Friday, October 25th)
- OXI Day Program is on Monday-All welcome; The following Grades will be in the program: K,1,2,4,6,8 held in the gym
- Classroom parties will be held on Thursday, October 31st. Middle School is going bowling to Palos Lanes; All school is having a pizza lunch-donated
- October 31st is an early release day; teachers will be working on classroom management strategies and Wayfinder, our SEL program

- School clubs are underway but have a low turnout
- Last parent volunteer meeting for 2024 was held on Tuesday, October 22nd. The next meeting will be held in January of 2025
- First 2025 Graduation Parent meeting was held yesterday, October 23rd
- Basketball season begins November 4th. ALL physicals must be turned in by that day in order to play
- Fall picture retakes will be on November 7th
- Trimester 1 ends on November 8th and teachers will be preparing for Parent/Teacher conferences
- Starting in Trimester 2-Grades 7 & 8 will be receiving an additional 25 minutes a week of religion and students in Grades 4 & 5 will begin Byzantine Chant with Mr. Alex on Tuesdays
- Looking forward to the Thanksgiving Feast which will be held on Tuesday, November 12th. Coordinators need to get in touch with the school
- Hot lunch is going well but the school recommends an additional volunteer on the floor during hot lunch days. We need to think of the meals being served and how much help the little ones may or may not need.

- **BUILDING**
 - When will the nurses window be placed; email will be sent to Pete for solution-wa
 - HVAC Inspection date-waiting for a date
 - In regards to the playground, will that be a spring project-update when work is completed. Waiting on final estimate and date range to level ground and put chips down
 - Website bill is due. Are we renewing, if not who will take over the site? Will the teacher need training on the website; There will be a page added on the website with a folder for the meeting minutes, a request has been made and Mrs. Lind will be working with Despina to get the meeting notes and minutes uploaded.
 - Gentleman who works on the church's website will do a redesign. He offered and is working on that

Old Business:

- Insurance Claim for flood, still processing; will withhold final payment on roof until final claim is processed; need school board and parish council approval
- Tuition Payment Plan for 24/25, adjustments have been made in FACTS; Tuition and fee schedule will be established at November meeting; More time will be spent discussing tuition and the significance to roll out enrollment for following school year.

- Hot Lunch Update (Connie)-things going well. Best to serve younger students (PK-K) depending on lunch and what we can best do. Students are enjoying the lunches, it's going smoothly, some things still need to be ironed out but transition has been easy. A survey will be sent home regarding the menu, pricing, portion size. Menu is being worked on for November. Kids seem happy with the hot lunch choices

- Survey will be sent home shortly to Korraes Families for feedback

KFSA (Jim Galanis)

- Survey will be sent home and a meeting will be held to discuss feedback from the survey and organization will occur in November (morning and afternoon sessions will be held)-what will it look like, envision, activities, do two session AM/PM before Thanksgiving to share and discuss parent feedback

New Business

- **Gala Update/Fundraising** (Marissa)- the gala was very successful; everyone had a good time, great food; there were 165 attendees; the ad book collected over 80 ads and had about 100 pages; from the ad book sales, we collected \$32,800 of ad money which is straight profit to the school; Expenses for the gala were under \$40,000 which included security, dj, photographer, Gibsons, and ad book..everything else was donated 100% which helps in revenue stream. Subtotal with donors \$162,940 before expenses. Over \$100,000 just in sponsorship-which is largest to date. Looking to clear around \$124,000

- **Wellness Day for Teachers** (Maria Douros)

This will be done in December to give teachers an opportunity to reconnect. She has ideas

- **Website Update**

Gentleman who works on the church's website is excited to help with the school website. This gives the school more flexibility, realtime updates, and will be more user friendly for teachers.

Closing Comments

- **School Board Chair**
- **Prayer**

Meeting ended at 6:54pm