



September 10, 2025 7:00 PM
Meeting Agenda and Notes

1. Call to order (President) **7:04 PM**
2. Opening prayer (Principal) **Mrs. Van Dusen**
3. Introductions (President) **Board only**
4. Principal's Report (Principal) **Off to a good start, good communication and a good partnership with GAP. Goal long term is to start replacing classroom furniture to fit our rooms better and safer, jog-a-thon is coming up, please support that**
5. Treasurer's Report (Treasurer) **update on expenses for the early school year: licenses, teacher vouchers, staff tshirts for welcome back picnic, deposit for auction, cornhole. See budget for details.**
- ★ **Proposed Budget Update Vote** **Vote to cover the extra \$1000 needed for the DNR Salmon Project, Kristina Valentine motioned to approve, Kristen O'Neil 2nd, Approved unanimously**
- ★ **Action: reshare Kroger Community Rewards and Box Top instructions in next GAP newsletter to benefit the school**

Reminder on volunteers- we welcome suggestions regarding sign up procedures, athletic hours and GAP hours are separate. You have to have your background check complete and your Protecting God's Children class. Sign up genius is going out to all parents. There is an early contact list, but that doesn't mean you are signed up.

6. Event Committee Reports (President)

- **Athletics (Mike Kardasz) - Asked to be added to agenda to speak on behalf of Athletics -**
Please sign up now for Basketball for 3rd - 8th grade. We need at least 8 players to register them with CYO. If you have any questions, please email Mike.
- **4th of July Parade (Lauren Bukowski) – We walked as a school and parish together. The Cabrera family led us with their jeep. The kids passed out candy. Join us next year!**
- **Jimmy Johns Baseball Night (Cristin Joy) – Awaiting on check, some people may have bought onsite, we will be sure to communicate that better next year to use the online link**
- **Back to school Picnic (Renee Boyd/Erin Camilleri) - This was our biggest year, we had 150 more than last year. We went over our budget by quite a bit. We tried some new things and new food additions. We did over buy on hot dogs. We had a lot of people RSVP (about 200) in just the last 2**

days before the event, so we will do a cut off date for next year. We need to do something for Father Tony for prayer, difficult to hear.. Idea of doing a 50/50 Raffle to help with funding.

- **1st Day Doughnuts (Jenny DeCoster)** – Emailed in report, stayed under budget and will probably be sufficient for next year.
- **Cornhole (9/5) (Larry Bukowski)** – We had a total of 48 players and 12 spectators, we brought in \$984 in entry fees and over \$900 in raffle.
- **Fall Family Bingo (9/19) (Rhonda Brewer/Sheila Delo)** - Almost capped out on registration, volunteer spots are full. We are switching out the menu.
- **Bagels before the Bell (9/25 and 9/26) Tanya Gasso/Emily Hoang** - New event for the year; see newsletter for details and to register. Two separate days based on your last name. Bagels will be from a nut free facility.
- **Jog-a-thon (10/3) (Asia Viers/Cindy O'Brien)** - 1/3 of the way to our goal. Please make sure your kids are registered. We are selling jog-a-thon tshirts if you would like one for \$15 each. Due by Wednesday.
- 9//25 at Rays Ice Cream will contribute 20% of sales back to the jog-athon.
- **Mom-2-Mom Sale (10/18) (Mandy Starski/Tammy Schick)** – Things are proceeding well, table registrations are going well. Payment is electronic, you can buy more than 1 table and there are a few volunteer spots open.
- **Trunk or Treat (10/24) (Heather Hoff/Lena Hermiz/Rachael Miller)** -We are cutting back hours to 90 minutes. The movie in the gym did not work last year. Looking into a food truck and a drinks truck. Lights were an issue last year. We are looking at changing methods for parking spot assignments. Information will be released to families in the newsletter once co-chairs finalize everything.
- **All Saints Day party (11/1) (Dorothy Ursaki//Lauren Bukowski)** – Happens right after Halloween, on Saturday after Mass. The kids can dress up as Saints. All ages. Games and dinner, pizza and more, prizes for the kids. The 7th graders do a presentation on their saint. Question for Mrs. Van Dusen about when 7th grade teachers will assign their Saints to report on- she will follow up with the teachers. Cristin mentioned that if you have Academy kids they can earn service hours by helping at the All Saints Day party, mom to mom sale and and bingo night.
- **Restaurant Fundraiser (Karen Hathaway)** – Benitos Pizza, see details in Keeping Connected
- **Used Uniform (Nicole Burley)** – All are welcome to donate or shop and you can always visit the closet. Stop in the office and check with Mrs. V.
- **Spirit Wear (Maryann Weitzel)** - Shop any time, spirit wear hoodies are now allowed on Friday.
- **RaiseRight (Tonya Manion/Rossana Barraco)** - \$3289 so far this year in tuition rebates.
- **1st Day School Supplies (Kristen O'Neill)** – **Looking for a shadow for next year. Christie Cooke volunteered (Thank you Christie!)**

7. **Auction (President)** – We still need an auction chair – it is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Bar, dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, dj/dancing. March 7 Hawaiian Luau theme. Kickoff planning meeting will be on September 25, at 7 PM. Looking for an acquisitions team, will give volunteer hours for big donations, looking for decorating business and photo booth donor. If you are interested in chairing or shadowing please reach out to the GAP board and we will get you connected.

8. New business (President)



Open chair/shadow positions –

- Preschool welcome picnic (new chairs: Ann Haase/Brynn Wellman),
- PreK cookies after caroling – need co-chairs
- All School Pizza Lunch- seeking a co chair (Jenny Krysiak volunteered)
- First communication reception- seeking a shadow (Monica Danow volunteered)



9. Open Forum

- Asia - Pumpkin sales will happen again, 9.29 will be available around then
- Dorothy – GA Mom's group – we have a couple events coming up, also meeting this Sunday at 10 AM in Solanus Casey Room, talking about our lady of sorrows. The holy hour will be on 10/11; light dinner at 5:30 and then 6:15 holy hour will start.
- Lena – we have a connection to Zap Zone, we can host 9/19 or 10/10 for a fundraiser on the kid's days off. Agree to pursue on 10/10. Sterling Heights. We will get details out.
- Are we short on library books? Mrs. Van Dusen noted books can be donated for K-3 level, and we are still working on figuring out a space for a full library.
- Frank Fraga (architect) and Lauren/Larry Bukowski (construction manager) offered to help with space planning needs.
- Mrs. Van Dusen noted there are discussions around pre-k offerings, enrollment for next year to make sure our current families are being served well and that we are working on eliminating any dependency on subsidies from the church for operations. Currently getting 9% from the parish.
 - At what point do we reduce the pre-school classrooms to make space for our other kids - ongoing part of the discussions with admin.
 - What percentage stay after prek? - 50%
- Kristina Valentine reminded everyone of the Favorite things/Amazon list for teachers
- Rlan mentioned a Fall Skate party 11/7 possible date

10. Adjournment 8:16 PM

Save the Date: November 12, 2025 7:00 PM next GAP meeting (GA Cafeteria)

Attendees:

Tonya Manion
Candice Beckwith
Meg Zurbo
Cheryl McClintock-Belbot
Kristen O'Neill
Monica Danow
Rebecca Jone
Kaye Chervenakz
Lena Hermiz
Dameke Fernandez
Sheilo Delo
Sayabo Head
Margaret Roche
Kim Kohatsu
Jennifer Erdmann
Christie Cook
Mike Kardasz

Jeremy Dunas
Brynn Wellman
Kerry Johnson
Asia Viers
Victoria Benjamin
Davide Genesta
Pam Hurst
Sally Yousif
Dorothy Ursaki
Ann Hasse
Christine Wist
Rlan Landingin
Patrick Megally
Kathryn Sayhecse
Lea Wojciechowski Ross
Cristin Joy
Kristine Dunn

Miriam Gomez
Lauren Bukowski
Devyn Chandler
Rhonda Glasgow
Courtney Kreiner
Frank Fraga
Ann Bush
Renee Boyd
Rachael Miller
Kristina Valentine
Molly Van Dusen
Heather Hoff
David + Reeve Jajou
Gion Bojai
Marina Bojai