

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting
April 16, 2008

Attendance: Peter Wilson, Chris Lynch, Gary Novinc, Mark Geyman, Katie Rahill, Martin McGuan, Sherry O'Brien, Don Schuele

Absences: None

Guests: Molly Clifford, Jill Medovich

Call to Order: 7:04 P.M. by Chris Lynch

Opening Prayer: Mark Geyman

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from February 20, 2008 approved

Pastor's Report: None

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Peter Wilson

School Report:

The school is working to come into compliance with new state school safety requirements, known as "Jared's Law." Some capital expenditures are inevitable to make the school compliant.

The funding is in place to send two Saint Gregory teachers to present the G.E.M.S. program at a National Conference in Florida.

The school is considering reserving a spot to march in this year's South Euclid Memorial Day parade.

The school choir will sing at South Euclid's Arbor Day ceremony.

Staffing considerations are being made for next year. Each grade level will have two class sections with an average of approximately 23 students per class. Mr. Wilson is "reassessing" the roles of the foreign language and technology teachers. Members of the S.A.B. inquired about the purpose and goal of the foreign language program.

Old Business:

Safety Forces Day:

May 22, 2008 has been selected as the official date. Mr. Wilson believes the Metro Life Flight helicopter will appear at Saint Gregory's. Unfortunately, Saint Gregory's Safety Forces Appreciation Day falls on the heels of a similar program held one week prior at Notre Dame College.

Washington, D.C. Trip:

The trip is planned for mid-late October 2008. Katie Rahill sent a survey home to ask parents for fund-raising ideas. A booth at the Saint Gregory summer festival and car washes were two viable options. Katie stressed she wanted to give parents and students ample time to save for this memorable trip.

Accreditation Validation:

The A/V team visited Saint Gregory the Great School in March. Mr. Wilson was asked to revise the Catholicity goal. He stated this area has since been revised. Mr. Wilson

stated his belief that Saint Gregory the Great School is well-poised to meet these long-term goals.

Grants:

A grant is being pursued to help purchase a new digital video camera.

Registration:

Almost all current families have registered for the 2008-2009 school year. To date, 387 students are registered compared to 429 for the 2007-2008 school year. The change in enrollment reflects the reduction of three 8th grade classrooms to two 8th grade classes in the coming school year. Only 2 families have moved from Saint Gregory's. The preschool has 47 students registered and Kindergarten has 46 students. Mr. Wilson thanked Sandy Benedict for providing tours of the school to perspective new families.

Staffing:

Mrs. Meek and Mrs. Mullins are not returning to teach in the fall.

New Business:

Finances:

The SAB met with Kevin Doles in early April to discuss school finances. Several topics were discussed, including: rationale for the tuition increase, teacher retention strategies and other teacher incentives. Kevin stated non-contributing families received a letter indicating their lack of school/parish participation and how to effectively remedy their status.

Preschool Program:

Mark Geyman has worked with Molly Clifford to help promote the preschool program on the school website. The preschool has its own special links on the school home page. Molly also stated preschool information is being printed in the weekly school newsletter under the heading of "Little Jaguar News." The preschool will also sell "Little Jaguar" spirit wear at the summer carnival.

Drama Club:

This year's performance, "Lil' Abner," takes place the week of May 12th.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 21, 2008

Closing Prayer: Chris Lynch

Adjournment: 8:31 P.M.