

**St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting
November 14, 2007**

Attendance: Pete Wilson, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele, Mark Geyman, Martin McGuan

Absences: Father Ireland, Kevin Doles

Guests: Jill Medovich

Call to Order: 7:03 P.M. by Chris Lynch

Opening Prayer: Gary Novinc

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from September 19, 2007 approved

Pastor's Report: None

Principal's Report: Presented by Pete Wilson

Athletic and Extra-Curricular Activities

♦Football:

Mr. Wilson commended the 7th and 8th grade football teams and their coaches for having an excellent season.

♦Ski Club:

This year four teachers are running the Ski Club program. Mr. Wilson said the program is well organized and safe.

♦Drama Club:

The Drama Club program is operational. Carter Welo heads the program this year. The organizers may scale back the number of weekly practices this year to minimize students' scheduling conflicts. Regina High School may serve as the venue for the play.

♦All Sports and Clubs:

Mr. Wilson said he would appreciate receiving news items worthy of printing in the newsletter and publicizing on the school website.

Staffing

♦Playground Monitors:

Mr. Wilson is looking to hire additional daily lunchtime playground monitors.

Endowment

The school endowment committee is encouraging potential donors to explore creative gifting, such as: purchasing stocks or savings bonds, or asking employers to participate in a fund-matching program. The Endowment Committee will also send a newsletter to alumni.

Educational Grants:

The school currently has no open grant proposals. Mr. Wilson stated the school applied for three grants and each application was denied. He also requested assistance writing grants for the school. Chris Lynch suggested the school file grant proposals electronically and in a central location to make the application process more efficient.

Safety Forces Day:

This spring, the school will host a special day honoring those who work in our safety forces. This day is in the planning stages; however, the SEPD, SEFD and Metro Life Flight have agreed in principle to attend. Katie Rahill volunteered to work with Mr. Wilson to organize and plan for this event.

Washington, DC Trip:

The trip was well organized and a great success. Mr. Wilson stated the tour company, R & E Tours, planned a great experience for the eighth grade students. It was suggested the school pick a date for next year's trip to allow parents of the current seventh grade class ample time to raise funds.

“New York, New York” Silent Auction

This was the first year with the new leadership team installed. Jennifer Ewing, Michelle Clark, and countless others volunteered many hours to make the evening a success. Mr. Wilson said he received positive feedback from attendees. It was suggested next year's auction offer more seating in the gym and perhaps a quiet seating area away from the music.

Accreditation:

The internal accrediting validation was to take place Monday, November 20th. Mr. Wilson was confident and says the school is ready for this initial visit. Mr. Wilson and a team of teachers established “improving students’ writing across all curricular areas” as St. Gregory the Great School’s academic improvement goal. In the realm of “Catholic Identity,” the school will focus on improving and influencing practice of the Catholic faith. Mr. Wilson stated the school is in the second year of a 6-year accreditation cycle.

Old Business: ♦There is one open position on the SAB with the resignation of Gene Andres. Whoever fills the position will complete the remainder of Gene’s term, May 2008.

♦Gary Novinc has recovered the missing minutes from the February-May 2007 SAB meetings. Members of the SAB volunteered to organize and type the minutes into the proper format.

♦Mr. Sal Miroglotta, principal of Benedictine High School, held a special meeting with 8th grade students and parents. He shared information about the application process and also shared test-taking strategies.

New Business: Kevin Doles will visit the SAB at the December meeting to provide an updated finance review.

The SAB and Mr. Wilson discussed the Spanish program at the school. Concern was raised over students not receiving grades. The Spanish program does not use a textbook and this is a source of parental frustration. Mr. Wilson stated the program requires some tweaking.

Jill Medovich inquired about Father Ireland’s lack of attendance at SAB meetings. Mr. Wilson stated he would communicate information from Father to the SAB. Father Ireland will only attend SAB meetings when absolutely necessary.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Closing Prayer: Martin McGuan

Adjournment: 8:21 P.M.

