

**St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting
January 16, 2008**

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

Absences: None

Guests: Molly Clifford, Erica DiNovo

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

Opening Prayer: Don Schuele

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from December 12, 2007 approved

Pastor's Report: None

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Peter Wilson

School Report:

The preschool experienced a loss of heat, but the problem was quickly fixed. Parents received notification of the school being closed via e-mail and phone calls.

Ms. Laura Kennedy is conducting the instrumental music program quite nicely.

The second grade teachers were commended for their hard work preparing their children for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Registration materials were recently sent home. Tuition has increase in the grade school by \$250 for the first child and \$150 for each additional family member. The registration fee for the grade school is \$100/child and slightly higher for preschool children.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday with the school Open House. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools Light the Way." The faculty curriculum committee planned activities for students. The PTC will host "Pastry with Parents" two mornings in the cafeteria. The PTC also provides an elegant luncheon for the teachers on Friday.

Old Business:

SAB Council Vacancy:

Sherry O'Brien has received appointment to the School Advisory Board to replace Gene Andres.

Minutes:

The last of the Spring 2007 minutes were transcribed and ratified by the SAB.

Safety Forces Day:

May 22, 2008 has been selected as the official date. Mr. Wilson will begin to ask participants to commit to this date.

Washington, D.C. Trip:

The trip is planned for mid-late October 2008. The need to provide parents and students with adequate notification to raise funds was discussed. Katie Rahill and Mark Geyman agreed to form a fund raising committee to explore various fund-raising

options. The possibility and importance of offering grants to needy families was discussed.

Silent Auction:

Approximately \$58,000 was raised, but Kevin Doles will need to confirm this amount.

Accreditation Validation:

The external validation team is in place. They will visit St. Gregory the Great School on March 10th. Mr. Wilson indicated the school's goals have been finalized and are solidly in place. These long range goals last four years.

Spanish:

Mrs. Quimper is using her materials to teach the Spanish curriculum. She is holding off using the Spanish textbooks. All foreign language students will receive grades this grading period.

Grants:

Mrs. Meek and Mrs. Ball were asked to present their "G.E.M.S." program as a national conference. Mr. Wilson is hoping to send them to the conference with the assistance of additional funds, possibly from a grant.

New Business:

Tuition/Registration:

Tuition and registration was covered in the Principal's Report. Kevin Doles is expected to visit the next meeting to explain the tuition increase.

School Marketing:

Saint Gregory the Great School sends materials to churches without schools. Martin McGuan said he would contact the Sun Messenger regarding Catholic Schools Week.

Preschool Program:

Molly Clifford, preschool parent, presented ideas to promote the preschool and encourage greater enrollment. The SAB agreed the strength of the preschool program is key to maintaining a healthy school enrollment. Mrs. Clifford discussed the importance of keeping new families informed and welcoming them into the Saint Gregory School community.

New Diocesan Policy:

The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland has revised its sexual abuse policy. Some clarification is needed to determine who must sign the new policy.

Drama Club:

The drama club is currently finishing auditions for the spring production, "Lil Abner." A fund-raising dance was scheduled for February 2nd. Katie Rahill reports "things are moving along nicely."

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20, 2008

Closing Prayer: Chris Lynch

Adjournment: 8:24 P.M.