

**St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting**  
**October 22, 2008**

**Attendance:** Peter Wilson, Gary Novinc, Mark Geyman, Carmen Matz, , Sherry O'Brien, Ruthie Foust, Jim Augusta

**Absences:** Martin McGuan

**Guests:** None

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**Call to Order:** 7:07 P.M. by Gary Novinc

**Opening Prayer:** Gary Novinc

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from September 2008 approved

**Pastor's Report:** None

**Principal's Report:** Presented by Mr. Peter Wilson

**School Report:**

The First Annual School Endowment Golf Outing was a success. Approximately 38 golfers participated. Kim Herbert and Carter Welo did a good job of organizing the event. The list of Sponsors was impressive. We look forward to even more success in the coming years.

Spirit Weekend took place October 3-5<sup>th</sup>. Having both fall spirit events in the same weekend worked well. The baseball field dedication to Phil Madda was featured in the Sun Messenger.

The 8th grade trip to Washington DC was a huge success. The students were well behaved and enjoyed their three days away from school touring the nation's capital.

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade took the writing proficiency test. It proved to be a grueling experience. Test measured endurance as well as writing skills.

The teachers attended a professional development day focusing on Differentiated Teaching. The program provided many challenging ideas.

Kevin Doles is no longer on the parish staff. Tony Flowers will return as Business Manager. The position will no longer be a full time job. Gary Novinc will schedule a meeting with Father Ireland to discuss Mr. Flowers' relationship with the Advisory Board. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the Church Bulletin to announce the change in parish staff.

A man approached two young boys in the parking lot on the Saturday of Spirit Weekend. The boys were able to go home and a police report was made. Volunteers have come in to watch the students as they exit the cafeteria. They are there to keep an eye on anyone that may cut through the parking lot while the children are at lunch recess and to discourage unauthorized people from hanging around the school yard. Kindergarten will no longer exit through the cafeteria door. The exit change may be extended to Grades 1 – 4 as well. It was suggested that we talk to the South Euclid Police Department about being present during lunch to discourage outsiders. There has also been some discussion about erecting a fence and gate.

There has been some discussion among parents and parishioners about moving the programs in Tabor House over to the main school building. At this time there is no plan in place to make such a move. The administration is always open, however, to any ideas. The school's plan is to grow. Right now there is talk about an all day four year old program.

**Old Business:**

**Marketing:**

Ruthie Foust had a successful brain storming session with the Wenzlers and Majicas. Many great ideas came from that meeting including but not limited to; establishing a "Brand" through letterheads, website, apparel signage, etc. A couple logo designs were presented. The board discussed who would make the final decision. It was suggested that the ideas be presented to Father Ireland and the staff. Other ideas to promote St Gregory the Great were to revamp the Open House and provide St. Greg's lawn signs during Catholic Schools Week, , Teacher Features and Student Testimonials in the church bulletin; and many others.

**Grants:**

The Guitar Grant Mrs. Freas submitted was turned down by Yamaha. The PTC will pick up the bill for the guitars.  
We are currently trying for a grant from Best Buy for four LCD projectors.

**New Business:**

**Education Commission:**

Does it actually exist? Should it be a part of SAB? It was suggested that Fr Holland or Fr Ireland come to some meetings to share ideas. Mr. Wilson stated he would look into it.

**Next Meeting:** November 19, 2008

**Closing Prayer:** Gary Novinc

**Adjournment:** 8:05 P.M.

*Notes taken by Sherry O'Brien for Marty McGuan*