

**St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting
May 21, 2008**

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

Call to Order: 7:05 P.M. by Chris Lynch
Opening Prayer: Chris Lynch
Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April 16, 2008 approved
Pastor's Report: None
Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Peter Wilson

School Report:

The St. Gregory the Great boys' baseball team won the city championship. The school also sent 8 runners to John Carroll University to compete in the city track and field championships.

Ms. Laura Kennedy conducted a very fine instrumental music concert.

The drama club's production of L'il Abner was excellent.

Mr. Wilson is considering purchasing more SMART Boards. Additional training is offered for teachers to learn how to use the SMART Boards.

A preliminary inspection by the county health department was conducted to review the school's compliance with the new state law known as "Jared's Law."

The "Dancing Wheels" group performed for the student body.

Sister Ann Patrick celebrated 58 years in Catholic education.

The school is contracting with "Amigos and More" to provide Spanish language instruction. Mrs. Quimper will not return as the Spanish teacher next year. Mr. Wilson is also deciding which grade levels will receive foreign language instruction.

The G.E.M.S. program participants held an overnight retreat in the school gymnasium.

The students of Saint Gregory the Great School are planning to say good-bye to Father Ken and they are preparing to welcome our new priest, Father Ed Holland.

Old Business:

Safety Forces Day:

After much preparation and anticipation the school is ready to host this special event on May 22nd.

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. Approximately 20 families responded to the survey. 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 is waiting to hear the results of the accreditation team's visit.

Registration:

To date, 393 students are registered to attend school in fall 2008. The preschool has 50 students registered and our kindergartens have 46 children ready to attend school in the fall.

SAB Letter to Father Ireland:

The SAB received a response from Father Ireland to the letter, primarily concerning school staff and compensation issues. Debate continues concerning the actual amount of the subsidy the parish provides to the school.

New Business:

SAB Elections:

The following parents submitted applications to join the SAB next school year: Jim Augusta, Carmen Matz, Sherry O'Brien and Ruthie Foust.

Preschool Program:

Molly Clifford addressed the SAB. She conducted a survey of parents to receive their input about the Saint Gregory the Great preschool program. Several comments from parents are being added to the preschool website. Mrs. Clifford will review the preschool "Welcome Packet" to streamline and update the information provided parents. "The Little Jag" news is a monthly newsletter sent to preschool parents. Unfortunately, the series of preschool fellowship meetings planned for the summer were canceled due to logistical problems. The preschool will have a representative booth and fund-raising activity at the summer carnival.

Next Meeting: August 2008

Closing Prayer: Chris Lynch

Adjournment: 8:55 P.M.