

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting

November 19, 2009

Attendance: Peter Wilson, Carmen Matz, Ken Evans, Matt Cole, Greg Rochester, Scott Mullins, Sherry O'Brien, Erika Velazquez

Absences: None

Guests: Kim Berlin

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Carmen Matz

Opening Prayer: Carmen Matz

Meeting Minutes: October 2009 Approved

Pastor's Report: None

Principal's Report: Presented by Principal Peter Wilson

Mr. Wilson's began his report by handing out tests results from March 2009. These results give us a good look at where St. Gregory the Great falls in the national average. St. Gregory students scored higher than the Diocesan average.

It is the time of the year to make recommendations to the pastor about next year's tuition. There are two choices to consider. The first is not to increase tuition, which will limit the amount of aid from the parish for families in financial need. Approximately 10 to 15% of the families get financial aid. The second option is to increase the tuition a minimal amount and retain financial aid. One thing to consider is the projected enrollment for 2010-2011. Over the last ten years, tuition has increased anywhere from \$150.00 to \$350.00. The consensus of the board is to suggest an increase of no more than \$200.00. Mr. Wilson will submit this suggestion to the Pastor.

It was suggested that marketing be included in the registration packet. It might be beneficial to show the parents what they get for their money.

The next topic of discussion was the Tabor House move. A proposal has been submitted to Father Ireland. It will also have to go through Tony Flowers and Dan Debbick. After their approval, the teachers will be able to have some input. Some rooms will need some renovations to adapt to their new residents. Changes will have to be made for younger children, the music program, art program, etc.

New Business:

Erika Velazquez was approved as the 7th member of the board.

Old Business:

The Advisory Board's letter stating their position on a potential name change for the school will be sent to the Merger Committee.

The budget will be shared with the parish in some form. There is still not a final number on the auction.

We are still looking at possible grants to pursue. Ken Evans will go over his recommendations with Kim Herbert.

School development is moving forward. Matt asked that everyone look over his email and make comments.

Next Meeting: December 9, 2009

Closing Prayer: Carmen Matz

Adjournment: 8:31 PM