

# St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting

December 9, 2009

**Attendance:** Peter Wilson, Ken Evans, Matt Cole, Scott Mullins, Sherry O'Brien, Erika Velazquez

**Absences:** Carmen Matz, Greg Rochester

**Guests:** None

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**Call to Order:** 7:05 PM by Matt Cole

**Opening Prayer:** Mr. Wilson

**Meeting Minutes:** none available

**Pastor's Report:** None

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

Mr. Wilson wanted to remind the board about procedures of discussion. Topics should be submitted to the board prior to the writing of the agenda.

The Certificate Program has been a successful way for families to supplement tuition for several years. Currently the program has been shut down by the Diocese. Tax laws state that the money from the program can not go towards an individual family's tuition. The school is currently looking for new leaders to develop a new approach to the program that will stay within the tax guidelines and continue to benefit the school and its families.

The board's tuition suggestion of no more than a \$200.00 increase was relayed to the rectory. Mr. Wilson will know something by the afternoon of 12/15/2009. Mr. Wilson also plans to ask for faculty salary increase.

Father Ireland asked the board to discuss how many non Catholic children should be enrolled in the school. Currently the school policy is to accept all children in all denominations. Non parishioners agree to pay the full rate to educate a child without any parish subsidy. They also agree to expose their children to catholic beliefs and traditions. The concern is the impact on future Catholic enrollment. Will Catholics look elsewhere for a school with a fewer percentage of non Catholics? It was agreed that the administration needs to keep an eye on percentages for the time being.

Enriching extra curricular activities was discussed. The Junior National Honor Society was suggested in 2009. Scott Mullins said he would check into it, as well as Power of the Pen. Other suggested programs included reviving the school newspaper and all school telecasts.

**Old Business:**

The Advisory Board's letter stating their position on a potential name change for the school will be sent directly to the Bishop. The letter will be available in the school office for all board members to sign. The board would like to appeal to the families to follow suit and express their concerns to the Bishop. Mr. Wilson will run it past Father Ireland before any request is published.

Kim Herbert is looking over possible grant list. Ken Evans will report in January.

School development is moving forward. Matt has not had a chance to meet with Dan Debbick yet. Mr. Wilson and Matt discussed times for a meeting. Mr. Wilson will talk with Dan and let Matt know. It would be ideal to be able to get a group together to help with the big Tabor House move.

**Next Meeting:** January 20, 2010

**Closing Prayer:** Mr. Wilson

**Adjournment:** 8:31 PM