

St. Gregory the Great School Advisory Board

Minutes of 4/10/03

The meeting began at 7:06. Present were John Amantea, Barb Mastroanni, Tom Dowd, Chuck Brown, Lucy Iemollo. Absent were Bob Hostoffer, Mark Geyman, Greg Stuart, and Fr. Peyton. John Amantea chaired the meeting in Mark Geyman's absence. The minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

The principal's report indicated that the school is being reviewed for best practices. The two areas the school is recognized for are Catholic identity, and the Excel Program. Wireless computerization for each home room with Internet access is planned for next year. Fr. Peyton is reviewing salaries for the upcoming year.

The science lab is being used. Donations for the lab to date are approximately \$ 50,000.

Elections for the SAB are scheduled for the first week of May. Applications are due by 4/21/03, and ballots will be published by 4/28/03.

The endowment report is attached and incorporated into the minutes as is the technology report.

The marketing and Business Development Committee is meeting regarding the development of a brochure featuring the Science lab.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Brown

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**School Advisory Board – Technology Report – April 10, 2003**  
**Submitted by Mark Geyman**

The St. Gregory the Great web site received a record number of 7,613 sessions served during the month of March 2003.

A new St. Gregory the Great Parish has now been setup –  
<http://www.saintgregoryparish.org> and now both sites are linked to each other.

Miss Iemmolo, Miss Gagliano and I met with representatives from Aspire.com last week to discuss possible implementation of their web-based communication/gradebook program for next school year. The cost to implement the school-wide system is \$2,500 per school year and includes account set up for all students, teachers, parents, and administrators. Teacher and administrator training are also included in the cost. Teachers will be able to “demo” the system in advance (this summer). Access to the system can be integrated into St. Greg’s existing website. The system offers many features including online access to homework assignments, online quizzes and gradebook, email group setup and notifications, etc. in a secured environment.

Paul Levand and another party are in the process of surveying St. Gregory School and Tabor House regarding the possible implementation of extending the Internet’s reach into all of the classrooms via wireless technology. In each classroom, we are proposing a laptop for each teacher and a desktop for students. Projection equipment may also be a possibility. Paul will generate costs for the wireless technology and computer hardware required for this project. The hardware/connectivity will be need to be in place prior to implementing a program like Aspire.com.

Lastly, we are working on a technology plan that will encompass our near-term and longer-term technology vision for St. Gregory the Great School.

**Endowment Fund Report - April 10, 2003**  
**Submitted by Greg Stuart**

We have had two endowment meetings since the last Advisory Board Meeting. The first was a presentation that was given in the School Cafeteria. We had between 35 and people attend. Dave Talbot was there from the rectory, as was the Mayor of South Euclid. At the conclusion of this, we passed out surveys soliciting interest in volunteering to work in one of three areas:

1 - Fundraising

2 - Events

3 - Communications.

The response was excellent. We also received a number of follow-up calls from people who were unable to attend the presentation.

We then held another meeting this past Saturday to now organize these three new sub-committees. We have identified co-chairs for each and are working on supplying them with our goals and objectives.

We are quite pleased with the progress over the past few months. We will be announcing in the near future the specifics of our plans, including the event schedule.

Greg