

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting, 08/16/07

Attendance: Kevin Doles, Pete Wilson, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele

Absent from SAB: Gene Andres, Marty McGuan, Mark Geyman

Guests: Jill Medovich, Erica DiNova

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Gary Novinc

Opening Prayer

Meeting Minutes: No previous meeting minutes to review and approve. Gary Novinc has requested previous meeting minutes from Gene Andres for review, approval and posting.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Kevin Doles

Father Ireland would like to welcome new board members and is looking forward to the new school year.

Financial Update: Presented by Kevin Doles

School Technology:

Kim Herbert, our former Technology Coordinator, has resigned, which has slowed progress of computer lab expansion. She has been replaced by Susan Clark, who has a solid technology background. Staff is working with company by the name of Total Computers Concepts to develop a school year plan that should be presented at the next SAB meeting.

School Maintenance Update:

- Twelve changing stalls have been completed in upper PFC.
- The Teachers' Lounge has a new tile floor, with new tables and chairs to come.
- Room 208 has a new tile floor
- Tile floors will be our future replacement plan instead of carpeting.
- Wall repair completed in Extended Care area, with new drywall and paint.
- The Preschool hallway has been painted.
- The PFC hallway has been painted.
- Parents and students were helpful in the completion of some of these projects.

School Lunch Program:

The cost of our school lunch has increased from \$2.25 to \$2.50, due to the increase in the cost of funding the program. Milk prices remain the same.

School Budget:

There will be a separate meeting to discuss the 2007-2008 school budget and 2006-2007 year end recap. Date to be announced.

Principal's Report: Presented by Pete Wilson

New Staff:

Mr. Wilson would like to welcome the following new staff members:

Janet Suppel – 1st Grade

Angela Mullins – 6th Grade

Susan Clark – Technology Coordinator

Edith Quimper – Spanish

Joanne Berkovitz – School Psychologist

Patricia Proctor – Speech & Language

Laura Kennedy – Band Director

Enrollment:

- 425 students enrolled in grades K-8
- 53 students enrolled in Preschool
- 29 new students this year in grades 1-8
- 20 of the new students are Catholic and 9 are not
- 42 students left St. Greg's, which includes Preschool students
- 34 of the students that left were due family moves out of the area

Faculty Retreat:

The Faculty Retreat will be held at Ursuline College, and the PTC will provide food for the faculty meeting and retreat.

Accreditation:

Internal Validation by Diocese for Accreditation will begin 11/19/2007.

Endowment:

The School Endowment Fund has reached \$295,000.00, which is over the mark for distribution of interest. Board has agreed upon a scholarship within the parish with these proceeds.

8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.:

Planning is going on for this trip to be held the last week in October of this year.

Regina Math Program:

There are twelve St. Greg's students that will be attending Math classes at Regina this year.

PTC News:

- Although the PTC did not obtain the grant for funding the front entrance project, they are committed to completing the project.
- The PTC will sponsor a Peer Issue Assembly for all grades to be presented by Karen Gotwald.

SAB Meeting Proposal:

Mr. Wilson would like SAB meeting kept to one and ½ hours in length. In addition, he proposes that guests with an agenda item are welcome to speak on his or her at topic as it is addressed, but that other comments be recognized at the end of the meeting. He would like the discussion of these issues and comments to be limited to board members.

Board members believe it is important that school parents understand that meetings are open and their feedback and concerns are important. As such, Katie Rahill will prepare a summary of the methods for getting an issue on the SAB meeting agenda that will be published in a future school newsletter, in addition to its current publication on the school website.

Old Business:**SAB Elections:**

Elections for Board Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary for the 2007-2008 school year will be held until the September meeting due to Board absences this date.

High School Presentation for 8th Grade Students and their Parents

Chris Lynch has contacted Sal Miroglotta, current Principal at Benedictine High School and current Parish Council member, who has agreed to conduct presentation. Date to be announced.

New Business:**Kindergarten and Pre School Teacher Aids / McGuan:**

This issue, raised by McGuans, will be held until September meeting due to McGuan absence.

Early Morning Arrivals (prior to 8:00 am) / DiNova:

School parent, Erica DiNova, addressed issue of bus riders that arrive at St. Greg's prior to 8:00 a.m. door opening. She was surprised to find out from her child that bus riders are not permitted in the school until 8:00 a.m. when the doors officially open, but are led through school to main parking lot where they wait with the rest of the students.

Mrs. DiNova believes there is a safety concern, as the teacher monitors are too busy directing traffic to also supervise students in the parking lot. She

also explained that this practice is not well known, and parents of bus riders need to be informed.

Mr. Wilson explained the current policy, adding that students are permitted to stay in hallway when weather conditions warrant coming inside. He agreed to have a teacher monitor the early morning arrival situation until the next SAB meeting, as well as publish the current policy for parent in an upcoming school newsletter.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.