

SAB Minutes
01-17-07

Attendance: Kevin Doles, Mr. Wilson, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Mary Jo Levand,

Absent from SAB: Don Schuele, Jim Johnson, Gene Andres

Guests: Mark Geyman, Carol Sisson, Michelle Farinacci, Marilyn Freas, Donna Olp

Call to Order at 7:07pm by Gary Novinc.

Opening Prayer

Meeting Minutes:

November meeting minutes distributed. It was requested that these minutes be revised and resubmitted at the February meeting.

October minutes approved and to be sent to Mark Geyman for the website by Gene Andres.

Pastor's Report: (K. Doles)

Vibrant Parish Life (VPL):

There has been no new information on the progression of VPL.

The deadline for VPL has been moved to March if not April.

Financial Update:

Computer Lab:

It will cost approximately \$19,000 for the build out.

\$900 was collected from the letter that was sent out in September asking for donations to kick start the build out of the second computer lab

\$15,000 in proceeds from this year's auction will be spent on the lab as well.

The additional \$4,000 that is needed will come from Auxiliary services for the equipment.

The build out will begin as of 1/18/07 with Mrs. Herbert spearheading the effort.

The function of the new lab will be to utilize the "old" but not obsolete computers and to function as a teaching environment for the students in a true classroom setting.

Basic Financing of School

There are 4 sources of income for the school.

1. Tuition/Registration
2. Auxiliary Services: per pupil amount the has limited scope "controlled"
3. Mandated Services: per pupil amount that covers basic school expenses
4. Parish Subsidy

From this point forward the advisory board will be receiving a monthly financial statement for the school which will be compared to budget, as well as a monthly accounting of the auxiliary budget spending.

Census results were published and St. Gregory the Great Parish is comprised of approximately 1,900 families.

Principal's Report: (Mr. Wilson)

We are in year 1 of the accreditation process. Year 1 is a self-study year. A survey of the teachers, parents and students will be performed to form and define the schools core issues and goals.

Curriculum mapping in Math is close to completion.

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28th.
A great deal of planning has gone into the week by the PTC.

26 students (approx. 19 from St. Louis) have taken tours of our school to date. Sandy Benedict is giving tours of the school and is keeping in contact with these families. The majority of families would be non-parishioners and the tuition rates would not differ much from what they are currently paying.

The 2nd grade First Penance took place on 1/13/07 and once again the children and teachers made it a memorable event.

There is a new science project looking at alternative energy sources. A group of 6-8 grade students were invited to work on the project after school to help create a design for a solar powered product. This was created through a grant.

Old Business:

Grants:

Lowe's: deadline is February 15th, 2007

Gym Clothes:

Mr. Wilson is going to create a "blurb" to put on the school website comment board with regard to parents' concerns over the changing into and out of gym uniforms during the school day, as we did with the drama club. It was also suggested that the same "blurb" go into the school newsletter.

New Business:

Use of the PFC:

It was identified that several school, parish and community groups have been asked to no longer use the PFC for their meetings. These groups are wondering if it

would be possible to get their usage back because the alternate options do not seem to be as conducive to the groups. It was noted that the main issues are security, maintenance and scheduling. It was discussed that Gary Novinc along with a small group of representatives from the affected groups will schedule a meeting with Fr. Ireland to try and come to a mutually agreeable resolution.

Cheerleading:

Any person wishing to create a group or program within the parish should be directed to Kevin Doles.

Bingo:

Since the inception of the smoking ban, revenues are down approximately 50% and this fact was taken into consideration when the tuition rates were calculated.

Finance Council:

It has been discussed with the Parish Finance Council as well as Kevin Doles, Mr. Wilson and Fr. Ireland that since the Advisory Board has an open communication with the rectory and the principal, it may be unnecessary for the Advisory Board representatives to attend every monthly meeting of the Finance Council. Instead, the representatives will attend the meetings that pertain directly to the school and whenever either committee has a question for the other. In addition, it has been proposed that the school principal sit in on the Finance Council meetings especially those pertaining to the school. It would be most advantageous for the principal to have a seat on the Council but not in any voting capacity.

8th Grade Washington Trip:

Currently, the 8th grade teachers are looking into reinstating the trip for next year. It would be during the fall quarter. It would be educationally based. Several parents offered to look into how other schools are accomplishing the trip.

Dance Dress Codes:

A discussion centered on who should be responsible for enforcing a dress code for school dances. There is a difference of opinion as to whether or not it is the responsibility of the administration or the group holding the event. It was identified that the group holding the event are acting in the interest of the school and ultimately the parish therefore, at some point the school administration should initiate the code and somehow communicate their intent to the school families. The PTC stated that they would attach dress code guidelines to the dance invitations starting with this year's Spring Dance.

Spanish Program/Regina Program:

The principal evaluates the usefulness of these as well as every other program of the school and defines how it fits into the overall goals for our children and their education. If any decisions are made to change or remove programs, it will be communicated to the school families in a timely and appropriate fashion.

The Regina program will continue for next year and approximately the top 1/3 of the incoming 8th grade class will be given the opportunity to take advantage of this program. Parents of those students qualifying will be notified by mail.

School Registration:

It will be required that each school family who is currently not meeting the criteria for active parishioner status will have to meet with the rectory before they will be permitted to register for the 2007-2008 school year.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: February 7, 2007

Adjourned: 9:27pm