

St. Gregory the Great Parish School Advisory Board 6/15/05 Meeting Minutes

Meeting took place in the school library and was called to order at 7:04PM

Fr. Ireland opened with prayer

Board members present: Mr. Pete Wilson, Cathie McKinley, Tom Wenzel, Chris Lynch and Mark Geyman

Board members absent: Mary Jo Levand, Jim Callam and Ann Hawkins

Guests: Fr. Ireland, Joe Furst, Jill Medovich, Jim Johnson, and Gary Novinc

Amended minutes from the May 18, 2005 meeting were approved.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Ireland

- Year end review:
 - We have had a good year taking into consideration the new administrations for the parish and the school.
 - Increased involvement from our Priests in the school.
 - First Communion and Confirmation went extremely well.
 - Father was overwhelmed, in a positive way, with our 8th grade class.
 - Graduation was a beautiful experience for all involved.
 - Our technology issues have been identified and are being addressed. We are ahead of the game in this area.
 - We have had good cooperation and improved communication with all the various groups in the school.
 - We have reconnected with the Xavier Nichols Foundation.
 - In celebrating our 80th year as a school, it presents us with an opportunity to highlight the many achievements of our parish school.
 - Currently meeting with teachers and finalizing contracts.
 - We will be starting Census make-up meetings soon.
 - We will be initiating and implementing the Diocesan Code of Conduct. This will need to be signed by all employees and volunteers.

Principal's Report – Mr. Pete Wilson

- Our graduation was a chance to celebrate the result of an education at St. Gregory Parish School. The parental involvement and dedication was wonderful and stands as a goal for the upcoming 8th grade.
- Key emphasis for next year:
 - Catholic identity.
 - Curriculum issues and mapping.
- Staffing changes for next year:
 - Luann Scrimenti, our librarian will not be returning.
 - Linda Loeser, our secretary will not be returning.

- Our school website has been very important for summer inquiries.
- We have had positive progress with grant writing issues.
- We have received a challenge grant for technology to buy multimedia projectors at a ½ price-matching rate. The value for each projector is \$1,300 each.
- Joe Furst inquired about less expensive models at his company. He will check on and report back to the SAB.
- A letter will be going out to parents regarding safety issues with students (w/accompanying handout). The purpose is to share safety without compromising confidentiality. It was recommended that the SAB review these new policies for 2005-2006.
- The school handbook will also need to be reviewed and updated by SAB. It was recommended that an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to help in this process.
- We have just fewer than 500 students registered for the 2005-2006 school year.

Website – Mark Geyman

- We have changed our school website domain name to: **www.stgregoryonline.org**.
- Our visitors have increased to 3,000 per month.
- Web mail has been set up for teachers and staff.
- The Power Point Presentation created for the 8th graders has been posted on the website.
- The e-mail addresses for our new Advisory Board members were requested.

Advisory Board Officer Elections

- These have been postponed until our next meeting, possibly in July.

Old Business

- Technology connectivity issues are being addressed by the operating proposal.

Open Session

- Regina HS step-up program – this opportunity has not been announced as of yet. It will be communicated soon via a separate mailing to qualified incoming 8th grade students who have excelled in math.
- An inquiry was made whether grant writing services from volunteers could be tax deductible. The SAB will look into the possibility and report back.
- It was communicated that books are available that list grant availability to non-profit organizations.
- Fr. Ireland is continuing to work with Mr. Conway on grant writing and donation opportunities.
- Fr. Ireland encouraged the SAB to “think big” with regards to the 80th Anniversary year.
- Mark Geyman and Cathie McKinley expressed gratitude for being able to serve on the SAB and wished everyone the best.

New Items for future meeting agenda's

- School safety procedures and policy handbook review.

- School brochure review – Tom Wenzel will contact Mary Jo Levand to procure her ideas and accumulated brochure samples.

Closing prayer by Fr. Ireland.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Next meeting date has yet to be determined.