

**St. Gregory the Great Parish School Advisory Board  
3/16/05 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting took place in the school library and was called to order at 7:05PM

Fr. Ireland opened with prayer

Board members present: Mr. Pete Wilson, Tom Wenzel, Jim Callam, Chris Lynch, Mark Geyman, and Ann Hawkins

Board members absent: Mary Jo Levand, Cathie McKinley

Guests: Fr. Ireland, Kevin Doles, Rosetta Vercellino, Terry Mohorcic, Jill Medovich, Roger Mastroianni, Carol Sisson, Kathy Letizio, Julie Senchak, Michelle Farinacci

Minutes from the February 16, 2005 meeting were approved.

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Ireland

- School children are preparing for Holy Week to include Stations of the Cross and a Holy Thursday prayer service. We encourage all families to come and participate with our Holy Week liturgies.
- Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending a daylong retreat in preparation for their Confirmation.
- The Parish Census meetings have been going very well. These will be conducted through mid May. Participation has averaged approximately 30% or better.

**Principal's Report** – Mr. Pete Wilson

- Mr. Wilson stated that he is continually impressed with the time and effort that teachers put in to help our students.
- Registration is going well.
- The process of collecting registration fees has been slow.
- On March 18<sup>th</sup>, PSR families are invited to the school for an open house.
- Attended a meeting recently with Bishop Pilla to discuss ways to keep Catholic education available to all those who desire it.
- It was suggested that the school more aggressively seek out media attention with local newspapers.
- High School applications have been in process and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders seem to be getting in the schools of their choice.
- The school play continues to move forward.
- It was requested that the school office get updates on the success of our basketball teams.
- Miss Vercellino and Mrs. Devine were complimented on coordinating the recent poetry contest.
- It was suggested that we reevaluate the existing Math and Spanish program with Regina High School due to low participation.

### **Technology** – Roger Mastroianni

- We are still experiencing and working on connectivity issues regarding our wireless network.
- Vendor is working on an analysis to hopefully rectify the situation.
- Teacher use of the lab has been good.
- Edline is up on the website and grades are being posted.
- A discussion took place on the need for a computer teacher.
- A suggestion was made to have Kim Herbert give a brief update at a future Advisory Board Meeting.

### **Website** – Mark Geyman

- We are researching the possibility of offering sponsorship opportunities to our website.
- Advisory Board agenda items are now being posted on the website prior to each meeting.

### **Old Business**

- Xavier Nichols Foundation – Pete Wilson: We did write and propose to them our next course of action. We plan to have a meeting them in April.
- Grant writing/development – Jim Callum: No update until either April or May.
- 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Ann Hawkins: No committee organized at this point. Ann will represent the Advisory Board once organized.
- Brief on meeting with Jim Conway – Ann Hawkins – Met with Jim on March 10<sup>th</sup>. He has had much success raising funds for Case Western Reserve Univ. Jim went through the basics of fundraising. He has agreed to meet and work with Father Ireland.

### **Open Session**

- Other school brochures have been collected and given to Mary Jo Levand.
- It was suggested that we promote our school more aggressively within the community via the newspaper, public access station on cable, message board in front of City Hall and by participation in the Memorial Day parade.

Fr. Ireland closed with prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.