

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting, 05/16/07

Attendance: Pete Wilson, Father Ireland, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele, Jim Johnson, Mary Jo Levand, Gene Andres, Kevin Doles, Tom Wenzel

Absent from SAB: Gene Andres

Guests: Mark Geyman , Kevin Doles, Tom Wenzel, Jill Medovich, Carol Sisson, Beth Greisl, Michelle Farinacci, Maria Clifford, Kathy Letizio, Jamie Lawler, Barb Mastroianni

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m. by Gary Novinc

Opening Prayer

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from April meeting tentatively approved with changes submitted prior to next meeting.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Father Ireland

- First Communion was held, and the Communicants, teachers and parents did a terrific job.
- Thanks to all of those who participated in the successful production of the “Annie Get Your Gun” with a special thanks to the Reilly sisters for their hard work in making this a success.
- Father Ireland reminded us that we need to be a people of Faith, and respectful of each other during these meetings and in communications. We are all trying to do what is in the best interest of our Parish and school at heart, but being disrespectful will not make this happen.

Finance Report: A special meeting of the SAB to review the Finance Report is scheduled for next Wednesday in the Rectory.

Principal's Report: Presented by Mr. Wilson

Registration:

- Registration so far is at 416 students and we are projecting 425 for next year. This includes 12 new students, 6 of which are coming from St. Louis.
- So far the students from St. Louis appear not to be registering at any of the neighboring schools, and we expect additional requests by the end of the school year.
- 3 Students were turned down for academic reasons.

Staffing:

- Janet Suppel has been hired for 1st Grade and Angela Mullins for 6th Grade.
- The open Spanish position has been posted
- Laura Kennedy is the new band director.

Grants:

- A \$750 grant request was in by Mary Kay Jones for Parent Education.
- Kim Herbert has also applied for the \$1500 Bruening Grant for Technology

Miscellaneous Items:

- 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC is set for the end of October
- Accreditation process is going well. All surveys have been submitted and we will not reopen the survey process.

Old Business:

- It was noted that a large number of books were received from St. Louis School which is closing, and that the PTC has made a donation to the St. Louis Parish.
- In response to the concerns about changing out of Gym Clothes, plans to create changing facilities are moving forward
- We have received one nomination for the 2 board seats opening for next year. We still need another nomination.

New Business:

- It was suggested that parents be informed of which teachers are being assigned, how and what will be taught, prior to Student Orientation and Curriculum Night. In addition, there was a recommendation to explore block scheduling. Mr. Wilson indicated he was open to the ideas and would consider in the future.
- The PTC is paying for and sponsoring a program which will address “bullying”
- A positive piece on the St. Gregory the Great Drama Club and their recent production was broadcast on the Mike Trivisonno Radio Show and is accessible from WTAM.COM
- Chris Lynch is looking into a preparatory presentation for parents and students about to enroll in High School. This would help seventh grade students and parents develop a checklist for things they could do over the summer as they prepare for the process of testing and applying for High School entrance. Sal Marigliotta from Benedictine High School was suggested as a potential speaker for this forum.

Closing Prayer**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 p.m.