

St. Gregory the Great School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2005

Time: 7:05 pm

Place: PFC

Board Members Present:

Chris Lynch
Ann M. Hawkins
Tom Wenzel
Gary Novinc
Gina McVey

Faculty Members Present:

Lee Liebenhauer
Carrie Hanus
Sister Kathleen Foster
Nancy Ball

Fr. Ireland
Pete Wilson

Guests Present:

Mark Geyman
Carol Sisson
Jill Medovich

Mary Alice Knudson
Michelle Farinacci
Denise Ingram

Opening Prayer Given By: Fr. Ireland

Previous Meeting Minutes: October minutes approved w/ corrections

Pastor's Report: Fr. Ireland

- Letter re: family donations
- Thanks for parent participation in so many groups
- How else can we motivate families to participate and donate?
 - Knudson: What is ration of school to parish families for donations?
 - McVey: Letter explaining tax benefit of church donation (deduction) vs. a raise of tuition
 - Companies match donations ie. Progressive, Lubrizol
 - Hawkins: True funding for families that can—true cost of education vs. tuition—have parents voluntarily meet the true cost if in a position to do so (model: Beaumont & St. Ignatius)
- Altar Servers training
 - Bumpy for a while
 - Installation Mass 11/20/05

Principles Report: Peter Wilson

- Wild West Auction
 - Big success—waiting on #'s
 - Grateful for participation
- Sports Program: Show of School Pride!
- Death of Mr. Thompson
 - Staff and school community support was very positive
 - Support of Zena Thompson by faculty was great
- School photos: Ripcho—did a nice job
- Achievement testing—Iowa
 - Grades 1-7 ordered for this year
- Uniform
 - Reminders—teachers are enforcing it!
- Two PSI Programs for Jr. High
 - Caring. Inclusive. Teamwork
 - Operation Keepsake
- School Newspaper
 - Almost ready for publication (next couple of weeks)
 - Student writers & organizing
- Religion program—Important that it is reinforced at home, mass attendance
- Endowment Board
 - Fr. Dave Ireland - Pastor
 - Peter Wilson - Principal
 - Michelle Farinacci, Richard Geier, Anne Hallisy, Ann Hawkins
 - George Morris, Walter Smith, Greg Stuart
- 80th Anniversary
 - 1/28/06 Liturgy--Alumni & reception
 - Try to solicit donations from alumni—Paver project, endowment
 - Need names and addresses
- Edline
 - Providing more info: missing homework assignments, tests, homework, classwork

New Business:

- Beaumont: Quarterly Newsletter offers teacher “wish list”—can we do the same?
- Sisson: Gym program—alternatives for students when the gym is not available
- Mark Geyman--website: added more alumni, site is interactive
- Fr. Ireland: Thanksgiving Services
 - Community service Wed. Nov. 23 @ 7pm—choir loft open at 6pm
 - Nov. 24, 9 am
 - Canned goods to church
- McVey: St. Vincent de Paul Society
 - Cavatelli Dinner on January 15, 2006—12-6pm
 - Food Drive

Old business:

- Sisson Report:
 - Grants:
 - Looking for Drama Club, Science Lab, Teacher Needs
 - CCF—denied microscope grant; sending same to Toshiba
 - Still looking into:
 - Lowe’s Toolbox Grant (\$5000)—back entrance, faculty room, volunteer room
 - Smartboard (Weinberger Foundation),
- Computer Lab—
 - Working on repairs of old lab—old server in need of replacement
 - New Lab has been suspended
 - What happened?!?!?
 - Funding?
 - Liebenhauer: Suggest Smartboards and a second computer for each classroom instead of new lab
 - Hanus: Would like a second lab
 - Teachers to present a case for preference
- Faculty Lounge—ongoing electrical problems, carpet replacement
- Cheerleaders: Hanus will coach
 - Fr. Ireland concerned about girls being too suggestive
 - Novinc to go to Athletic Board to ask for support—funding

Agenda Items:

Gary Novinc—Adopt preliminary Code of Conduct; then to faculty for approval

Carol Sisson—Grants

Kevin Doles—Preschool

Curriculum Mapping

Computer Room

School Publicity—Sign (Wilson)

Brochures (Wenzel, Levand, McVey, Committee)

Closing Prayer: Fr. Ireland

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:25 pm

Next Meeting Date and Time: Dec. 21, 2005
7:00 pm, School Library