

SAB Minutes 11-15-2006

Attendance: Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Gene Andres, Mark Geyman, Katie Rahill, Mary Jo Levand, Jim Johnson, Carol Sisson, Peter Wilson, Kevin Doles

Absent from SAB: Don Schuele

Guests: Maria Clifford, Michelle Farinacci, Jill Medovich, Sr. Kathleen, Kim Berlin, Amy Ianni, Carolyn Kondrat, Cindy Marshaus

Call to Order (Gary Novinc) at 7:05pm

Opening Prayer (Doles)

Review & Approval of October Minutes

October meeting minutes approved with minor corrections. Andres to follow up with Levand on changes to October, and provide approved minutes to Geyman for posting on web site from August, September, and October meetings ASAP.

Pastor's Report (Doles):

- Pre-school open house planned for November 16 (earlier this year than last). So far 8 RSVPs have been received
- VPL
 - Clusters will be publicized in January/February by Diocese
 - Parishes in most need (financial and other) will be addressed first
 - St. Greg Parish, which did not participate at all in VPL at its inception several years ago, is now in synch with the remainder of the parishes in the Diocese

Business Manager's Report (Doles):

- Doles will present year-end financial report (church and parish) at Masses weekend of December 3
- Auction
 - Net profit was \$66,343, the highest year to date.
 - Many thanks to all who led and participated in this very successful event.
 - Good social event, and "good gambling"
- Stewardship vs. Tithing
 - Paul Forbes of McKenna Stewardship Ministry will be at St. Greg's to present at Masses January 20, 21, 27, and 28
 - Emphasizes "Time, Talent, and Treasure" instead of the traditional 10% tithe

- Examples: a parishioner using their workplace skills to benefit the parish / school (in the form of an “in kind” donation of their special expertise and valuable time), or a volunteer involved with St. Vincent DePaul Society, bingo ministry, auction, festival, school room parent, coaching, SAB membership and office-holding, Parish Council, Finance Council, etc.

SAB Representatives to Finance Council (Lynch & Levand):

- Lynch:
 - Reviewed Finance Committee’s financial reports for 2005-2006 -- numbers are good
 - John Simone is new CFO of Diocese (replaces Joe Smith)
 - 37% of parishes run in the red, including St. Greg’s. We’re “climbing out of it”.

Principal’s Report (Wilson):

- Jeff Theobald has been hired to the cleaning and maintenance staff for evenings
- Endowment Board
 - Year-end appeal underway
 - Assets over \$200,000 now, should be \$250,000 by calendar year end
 - We are close to where we will be able to offer scholarships and other funding from the interest, without touching the principal
- Conferences will be held the week of November 20
- Skating Party with PSR students will be held on December 3 as a school social event
- Virtus Training and Fingerprinting
 - will be presented by Sol Miraglada at SGS -- Monday December 4, from 6:30 to 9:00pm
 - mandatory for adults who have significant contact with our school and PSR children
 - not necessary for adults with only “occasional contact”
- St. Louis School
 - will close in June 2007
 - 128 students in all grades, 33% are parishioners’ children

Old Business (Novinc)

- **Grants**
 - Lowe’s
 - We missed the October deadline
 - We will submit in time for the February deadline
 - No other grant activity to report
- **Technology Funding**
 - Proceeds from sale of Anderson Road property not available for technology (used to retire a capital improvements debt for the new roof and other projects)
- **Changing out of gym clothes**
 - St. Paschal changed its policy.
 - Spoke with John Bednar (SPB Principal) and no problems reported; Gesu change back into uniforms – believe in the value of the uniform; according to

Diocesan Office of Catholic Education, most schools are changing back into uniforms

- There is a problem with shy kids being picked on in the rest rooms while changing; there should at least be hooks on the wall so clothes aren't dropped on the floor, from a hygiene standpoint; the boys' shower area would be another cleaner alternative.
- A questionnaire should be sent out to parents to get their input on the issue of changing back into uniforms.
- There are liability issues regarding privacy, and some children have been bullied while in the rest room.
- Why are our children mean-spirited and bullying one another ? Why are we tolerating it in a Catholic school ?
- No definitive answer given to the rhetorical question that was raised.
- With Virtus, we may have to have two adults (rather than one) supervise when students are changing clothes.
- I am at school a lot, and have noticed that there is a problem with children not being kind to one another.
- There is a need for supervision in the seventh grade boys bathroom when changing back into uniforms.
- Can't be done because of the teaching schedule of the few male teachers.
- We investigate every incident.
- There needs to be a strong sanction against the offending parties.
- That is correct. We need a questionnaire to parents, and more information from other schools.
- **School-Age Entry for Pre-K**
 - Age of entry is important for student success
 - It's better for the child is they are ready, and delayed entry is often important for the self esteem and confidence of the child
 - September 30 cutoff was for half-day, not full-day.
 - State of Ohio says if child turns 5 by September 30, they are ready for a full-day program. SGS is the only school holding to the August 1 cutoff date.
 - Notre Dame is moving to August 1.
 - Teachers have worked hard, kids are learning and having fun, expect some regression if the cutoff is advanced to September 30.
 - Test scores are better in the primary grades with older children; it is heartbreaking when they can't keep up.
 - Will contact Elaine Riordan, who favors a later cutoff for her input.
 - If it ain't broke, don't fix it.
- **Finance Committee Update (Lynch) – will be presented at next SAB Meeting**
- **Facilities Usage:**
 - Brownies not allowed to meet in PFC (only Church Hall or Cafeteria)
 - Can meet in cafeteria if clean up afterward
 - Someone must be held accountable for the room
 - Parents want to know why decisions are made.
 - PFC was left open at 10:30pm one night. AA group came in after. No one knows. Everyone has keys. No more AA as of December 1, and a limit on keys.
 - Will talk to Father and bring up at next meeting.

- PFC – one key, basketball practice for coaches will be discussed at November 20 meeting with coaches.
- Why not meet here ?
- All must stop over at rectory to sign out key.

New Business (Novinc)

- **None**

Adjournment, at approximately 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Andres

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