

St Gregory the Great School Advisory Board
10/8/03 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

Board members present: Barb Mastroianni, Chuck Brown, Mark Geyman, Tom Dowd,
Cathie McKinley, Mary Jo Levand

Faculty members present: Lena Liebenauer, Maureen Becker, Rosetta Vercellino,
Carrie D'Amico, Donna Olp, Al Thomson, Zina Thomson

Guests: Jill Medovich, Pat Zentner, Lisa King, Katie Rahill, Kim Berlin

Minutes from the prior meeting were approved.

Principal's Report - The principal's written report was read into the minutes by Barb Mastroianni in Miss Iemmolo's absence. A copy is attached. Highlights included an update of the effort to upgrade the school to wireless internet access – the goal is to accomplish this by December, 2003. Each classroom will have a desktop computer; each teacher a laptop. The package will include (3) smartboards – (1) of which will be installed in the science lab. These smartboards each come with LCD projectors which can be used in any classroom.

Al Thomson provided input on the rumors pertaining to the future of the school. He suggested that a merger with St. Clare is not imminent. He further commented that all possible options are being - and will continue to be - discussed. He further emphasized that such discussion will be at the pastoral level per canon law.

Note was made of the confusion and frustration created by a lack of communication regarding the school's future. A motion was made and seconded to have John Amantea, Tom Dowd and Chuck Brown arrange a meeting with Father Peyton in an effort to foster better communication and to dispel rumors. Msrs. Amantea, Brown and Dowd will present the results of their meeting at the next Advisory Board meeting.

Science Committee – Barb Mastroianni and Maureen Becker gave an update on the lab. \$74,500 has been raised to date; \$46,620 has been spent. The surplus of \$ 27,880 is earmarked to be spent on a number of future expenditures: additional storage capacity, a grow lab, meteorological instruments, dissecting scopes, a technology cart. Concern was expressed about the uneven use of the lab by the various classes. This was attributed to what is an ongoing adjustment to a fixed schedule of lab times; this should improve with time.

Endowment Fund – no representative was in attendance to provide an update.

Technology and Website – Mark Geyman reported that the site recently recorded 3,000 unique visitors to the site.

Marketing and Business Development – The brochure proof has been submitted to Miss Iemmolo; approval and printing is about a 10 day process. Some questioned the cost of printing and its intended use given the school's financial situation and whether it duplicates efforts by the Endowment Fund Committee.

School Handbook – no update

Communication – no update

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:45 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12th.