

# St. Gregory the Great School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Outline

**Date:** September 21, 2005

**Time:** \_\_7:05 pm

**Place:** School Library

**Board Members Present:**

X Chris Lynch  
Ann M. Hawkins  
Tom Wenzel  
Gary Novinc  
Gina McVey  
Jim Johnson  
Joe Furst

**Faculty Members Present:**

Lena Liebenhauer  
Mary Carney  
Rosetta Versalino  
  
Fr. Ireland  
Peter Wilson  
Kevin Doles

**Guests Present:**

Roger Mastroianni  
Mark Geyman  
Mary Alice Knudson  
Mary Jo Levand

Michelle Farinacci  
Jill Medovich  
Carol Sissen

**Opening Prayer Given By:** Fr. Ireland

**Previous Meeting Minutes:**

6/15/2005--approved  
8/17/2005—approved

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Ireland

- Looking forward to 80<sup>th</sup> celebration
  - 9/25/05, 11:30—Anniversary Mass--Bishop Gries, celebrant
  - Children participation
  - Refreshments in PFC

**Principles Report:** Peter Wilson

- 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
- January SAB meeting date change—posted on website
- Curriculum mapping
  - All diocesan schools participating
  - Benefit—coordinated curriculum, communication between grade levels
  - Team of 6 faculty participating in seminars

- Enrollment K-8—490
- Need more info from High Schools regarding what they are looking for on their incoming students—entrance requirements
- Regional plan—what will SGS do if other area schools close?
- Curriculum Night –Success, may consider some schedule changes for next year
- Algebra I class (Regina)—20 8<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled (up from 7 in 2004/05)
- New Band Director—Ms. Siminetti (sp?)
- Magazine Drive—new incentives for students (Inflatables)
- Coffee with the Principal, Oct. 10: Question/answer, in lieu of PTC meeting
- Fr. Ken & Fr. Ireland scheduled in all grade levels—serious emphasis on teaching of faith
- Kindergarten expanding into another room—Old chapel
- Donna Olp, Pre-school program—doing great
- Mary Guzan, Library—doing well, scanner should be in soon
- Maureen Becker, Science lab—working on lab curriculum, new text books
- Technology—Diocesan sets minimum standards for each grade level
  - Grade level expectations
  - Evaluation
- Auxiliary services for students—good program, staffs have been with SGS for a long time
- Iowa tests—
  - Tests administered in grades 1,3,5,7
  - Grade 2 has been eliminated this year to match Diocesan standard
  - Diagnostic use not necessary for grade 3
  - Discuss the possibility of further testing at each grade level
- Minutes of other SGS organizations available to SAB as to not duplicate discussion and projects
- GRANT: Carol Sissen—Cleveland Clinic Foundation requesting \$5,000 for dissecting microscopes
- Code of Conduct—Cover letter ready—**SAB needs a copy for review**
- Still working on code—taking longer to review material than expected—Wilson to give Gary Novinc a copy of material after 9/21/05 SAB meeting
- Teacher representation at SAB meetings
  - 2 teachers at each meeting
  - Mrs. Leibenhauer at each meeting
  - No lead teachers

## New Business:

### Computer Curriculum

- How can parents know the expectations
- What are we achieving/ posting of goals

### Curriculum Mapping

- Team of 6 to attend in-services, then share with faculty
- Diocese will have software program, everything not in place
- Lawler: Missed opportunity not including all faculty—team building & inclusion
  - Collect & disseminate information on curriculum mapping for next meeting
- Wilson: Made decision to have team representation not inclined to change his decision
- Propose: Expert in Curriculum Mapping to work with SGS as consultant
- St. Paschal's, found grant and hired Pat Nugent as their expert
- Can we find a grant? An expert?

### Computer Room

- Hope to be ready by Christmas
- Electrical/fire issues—beginning work on those Oct. 3

### Iowa Tests

- How are we evaluating
- Why discontinue tests?
- Funded by state, not a budget issue
- Wilson: Not getting enough substantive information from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade testing, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers not using the information obtained from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade test
- Teacher representatives: Very useful for math & reading
- Should it be added for all grades: track results, trends, used at student level
- No discussion of Gates- McGinty tests

### Next Meeting Agenda items:

- Cheerleaders
  - Patty Smith was coordinator, loss of interest bc of volleyball
- Review of SAB by-laws
- Marketing of Pre-school
- Coordinate with day care facility, Kevin Doles?
- Packet of marketing information
- Gym/ Phys Ed—what is happening with curriculum and cancellations?
- Edline—Posting of grades (cumulative & individual assignment), posting of assignments, how to reach teachers via email?
- Dirty lavatories
- Alarms go off on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor—posting of signs

**Old business:**

- Parents to contact SAB members by email, phone, mail through office
- SAB will close sessions to guests for sensitive issues as needed

**Open Session:**

- Uniform—shorts, polos, schoolbelles shorts/shoes, socks, ties
  - To be discussed at the next faculty meeting
- Agenda—Open session, Principal's report, Pastor's report, Discussion, Opportunity to bring up items for next meeting discussion, meetings will not be closed if not necessary

**Closing Prayer: \_Fr. Ireland**

**Meeting Adjourned at: \_\_\_\_8:45 pm**

**Next Meeting Date and Time: \_\_\_\_October 19, 2005, 7:00pm\_**