

SAB Minutes 09-20-2006

Attendance: Fr. Ireland, Mr. Wilson, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Gene Andres, Kevin Doles, Carol Sisson, Mark Geyman, Katie Rahill, Mary Jo Levand,

Absent from SAB: Don Schuele

Guests: Maria Clifford, Michelle Farinacci, Sandi Liptow, Patty Urbon, Jill Medovich, Diane Rieck, Jamie Lawler

Call to order at 7:00pm by Gary Novinc.

Opening Prayer (Fr. Ireland)

August meeting minutes distributed, but not approved.

Pastor's Report (Fr. Ireland):

- VPL – asked for SAB input on the areas of Vibrancy, Challenge, Collaboration
 - Vibrancy:
 - Lots of volunteers
 - Blue Ribbon of Excellence school
 - Community involvement
 - Reputation for faithfulness to Church teachings
 - Tradition and legacy of the parish
 - Challenge
 - Community outreach
 - Improve the involvement of school families in the parish
 - Collaboration
 - Collaborative events with other parishes
 - New idea: Soup kitchen consortium of eight parishes (every week, one parish cooks)
 - Pre-Cana
 - Wrestling team with other nearby schools
 - Youth group with St. Clare
 - Current: Christ the King and St. Vincent DePaul

Business Manager's Report (Doles):

- Presented school annual budget (\$2,009,250)
- Fund raising income budget (\$140,000)
 - Bingo
 - Festival (\$85,000) = \$40,000 (school portion of parking lot paving) + \$45,000 to Church, which comes back to the school
 - Parking lot cost \$80,000 (2.5" blacktop)
 - Silent Auction / Las Vegas Night
 - PTC Donation
 - \$45,000 of the \$140,000 fund raising budget has come from the Festival (\$95,000 still needed from other sources)

- Levand: increase in Offertory collection is needed, since nearly 50% is going to the school
- Doles: After Christmas, non-parishioner status will be enforced if contributions < \$520 (\$10 per week), unless special arrangements are made in advance.
- Fr. Ireland: SAB should encourage families to comply with \$520 minimum (55 school families contributed \$0, as presented at Curriculum Night)
- Lawler: Tie in VPL to Offertory contributions
- Urbon: Get children to participate to draw extended families in (e.g. Christmas Pageant)
- Rahill: PPT on front of school newsletter; accountability by families and parishioners to contribute

Principal's Report (Wilson):

- Curriculum Night Comments:
 - Not enough time to meet with teachers in classrooms
 - Financial presentation was enlightening, particularly in the area of non-contribution to the Offertory by school families
- Office of Catholic Education may be holding some diocesan meetings in our PFC
- 9/11 Remembrance was good for the school
- Paving job was safe for the children and successfully completed
- Magazine drive (Urbon):
 - 40% profit for the school
 - Ad in the bulletin would be a good idea
 - Good targets: professional offices, barber shops, beauty parlors, etc.
 - Dress-down days are strong incentives to students to sell magazines
- Marketing Subcommittee of the Endowment Board:
 - Need printed materials
 - Catholic Marketing Services have been retained
 - CMS will market SGS to prospective student families
- Curriculum Mapping:
 - Mr. Wilson met with teachers on this
 - Three teachers went for training
- Washington DC Trip – quote received for \$339 per person
- Coffee with the Principal 10/09/06:
 - Test score review / SGS student performance averages
 - Town hall format, submit questions in advance

Wellness Policy (Sandi Liptow, School Dietician and P/T Cafeteria Staff):

- Required school-wide for all government lunch programs
- Addresses nutrition, physical activity, new choices and reduced meals
- Must measure implementation of the policy
- Diocese will have a policy soon
- Control snacks at events, healthy choices
- Field Day, walking club
- Rahill: recalled President's Physical Fitness Award at St. Margaret Mary (suggested we check to see if it still exists)
- Liptow:
 - Mr. Prevest to be involved

- Baked chips as well as deep-fried
- Educational aspect
- How many jumping jacks to burn off a bag of chips
- Will revisit after Diocese issues Wellness Policy
- Possibility of collaboration with other schools

SAB Representatives to Finance Council (Lynch):

- Attended first meeting 9/18 with Levand

Drama Club Presentation Follow-Up (Novinc)

- 10 responses received to date from stgregoryonline.edu
- 7 positive comments
- 1 suggestion
- 2 questions
- How much does it cost to put it on ? Doles has numbers.
- Lawler: See Mary Roche's orientation packet

Family Handbook DRAFT (Wilson):

- SAB should review curriculum portion and discuss at a future meeting
- Release date not yet set (maybe during conferences in November)

Second Computer Lab Letter (to Parishioners):

- Went out Monday 9/18
- Donations are coming in
- Student Council may run "Buy a Dress-Down Day" for contributions

Hospitality:

- New: pre-school families greeted by Welcome Wagon
- Back to School Social: attended by many new families

Language Program at Regina (Wilson):

- 8th Grade teachers would not want special subjects such as Phys Ed and Music at the beginning of the day (want core subjects early in the school day)
- Levand: we currently do block scheduling in junior high, vs. individualized scheduling (St. Paschal, public schools) – need a computer to support individualized
- Sisson: see if Regina will send an instructor to SGS
- Lawler: high school environment is part of the experience

Age for Pre-K to K Transition

- Children not qualifying occurs rarely
- Teachers want 8/1 not 9/30
- "Early entry" program to allow 9/30, while keeping 8/1

- Novinc: we should do what's best for the children, which may not be the best business decision
- Levand: should be 9/30
- Wilson: will discuss this as a policy matter with faculty and report back

Grants (Sisson):

- Lowes Toolbox application due 10/15 or 2/15/07
- Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. Becker involved.
- Andres: will report on Internet-Based Grant Finding Service at a future meeting

Bingo:

- Sisson: smoke-free at St. Paschal's not as profitable as Iron Lungs Anonymous at St. Greg's - (secretary's notation (☺))
- Lawler: Bingo is a source of funds from outside the parish
- State initiative for a smoke-free Ohio may resolve the smoking impediment to volunteering
- Doles: illegal to "buy your way out" of working bingo
- Lawler: but you can be creative and get a sub, in exchange for a voluntary but sizable Offertory contribution (Rent-a-Lung)
- People who already smoke probably would be good candidates for subs
- Silent Auction: idea is to bring in outsiders from the parish to spend money here
- Lawler: proposed a Bingo Support Group of subs (Rent-a-Lung) who would work bingo in exchange for an assigned person's voluntary but sizable Offertory contribution
- Geyman: at St. Felicitas, school families register in spring and are assigned to teams
- Doles: bring him ideas on fundraising
- Novinc: SAB to look at alternatives to Bingo for next year
- Doles: being excused from working bingo for health reasons will require a letter from person's physician

Changing from gym clothing to uniforms in the student restrooms (Sisson):

- Student restrooms, not a locker room are being used
- Hygiene and privacy issues
- Shaker Heights K-4 not allowed to change clothes
- Paschal, Francis, Gesu all stay in gym uniform all day long
- SGS teachers object to student BO, report that kids are more relaxed in their gym clothes
- Medovich: rest room floor is unacceptable as a place to "hang" student clothing. Could there be hooks ?
- Wilson: modesty and privacy issues are key
- Sisson: parental discretion is more important than a teacher's decision in this area (unlike curriculum)
- Levand: students are in uniform when they are in their gym uniform
- Lawler: could students change in locker rooms on second floor of PFC (being used now for storage) ? Also, maybe maybe a polo shirt could be substituted for the T-shirt in the gym uniform
- Wilson: being dressed up makes a difference in the classroom, according to teachers

Adjournment, at approximately 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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