

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting, 09/19/07

Attendance: Pete Wilson, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele, Mark Geyman, Marty McGuan

Absent from SAB: Gene Andres

Guests: Jill Medovich, Carol Sisson, Meriah Duncan, Sue Bedinghaus, Megan Kander, Sr. Kathleen, Rosetta Vercellino, Monica Ferrante, Barb Mastroianni, and Kim Berlin

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Gary Novinc

Opening Prayer

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 08/16/07 meeting approved.

Pastor's Report: Presented by Pete Wilson

Father Ireland and Kevin Doles will no longer be in regular attendance at the Advisory Board meetings. Pete Wilson will pass along reports for them, and SAB will be able to meet with Kevin periodically for financial updates.

Principal's Report: Presented by Pete Wilson

Miscellaneous School Items:

- Retreat at Ursuline College was successful.
- School opening was smooth.
- The additional time slotted for teacher presentations during Curriculum Night was well received.
- Regina program off to a good start.
- Ed-line is up and running; previous log-in ID's are functional.
- Ski Club will be supervised by four faculty members, but parent volunteers are needed.
- Drama Club has resumed under leadership of Carter Welo; Reilly sisters will serve as consultants; key positions of director, music director, and choreographer have been filled.

Staffing:

- Eileen Helton has been hired to aid in the 3 year old preschool program.
- Maureen Becker has resumed Science Lab position.
- Laura Kennedy is the new band director.

Endowment:

The School Endowment Fund has reached \$300,000, which is over the mark for distribution of interest. Board has agreed upon \$10,000 in scholarship support within the parish with proceeds.

Upcoming Programs / Events:

September 27, 2007: "Families of Faith Program"

Program funded by grant through the Diocese and presented by Mrs. Jones who is a pastoral minister. Free of charge and open to school parents and parishioners.

October 8-9, 2007: "Bullying Issues": PTC is sponsoring Karen Gotwald presentation on bullying issues for grades 1-8 and faculty. Universe Bulletin will cover her presentation.

October 29-31, 2007: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.:

Deadline for sign-up has been established and planning is complete. Both Pete Wilson and Fr. Ireland will be making trip as well.

TBA: High School Enrollment Readiness

Mrs. Klug will be getting in touch with Sal Miroglotta to discuss possible dates and content of this presentation.

TBA: Spring Safety Forces Day

There will be a day in spring dedicated to our safety forces. School parent has arranged Life Flight presentation, and Principal would like to add police and fire as well.

Alumni Newsletter:

Carter Welo has been in touch with an organization that would publish an alumni newsletter for St. Greg's. We have names and addresses of many alumni, but need volunteers to collect and pass on information worth publishing.

School Marketing:

There is a need to talk about school marketing, with enrollment of 29 students in kindergarten this year.

Accreditation

Review of documentation for renewal of our school's accreditation will begin 11/19/2007. External validation team will be here in March/April.

Old Business:

SAB Elections:

Election results are as follows:
Chairman: Chris Lynch
Vice Chairman: Gary Novinc
Secretary: Marty McGuan

Early Morning Arrivals:

As per decision at last meeting, Sr. Ann Patrick has monitored outdoor activity prior to students entering school at 8:00 a.m. Both administration and faculty are satisfied that present policies are satisfactory. In addition, policy was explained in school newsletter.

New Business:

Kindergarten and Pre School Teacher Aids / Marty McGuan:

Discussion ensued regarding the fact that this year, teacher aids are splitting time between preschool and kindergarten. McGuan feels this is a detriment to the program, and not the place to make budget cuts. Mr. Wilson explained that staffing cuts were necessary due to low enrollment level in these classes, and safety of our students has not been compromised. Parents upset about policy, as well as their notification of the change, which occurred on Curriculum Night. Budget piece of this issue needs to be discussed with Kevin Doles, as preschool operates under separate budget from the rest of the school.

Students with Special Medical Conditions / Sue Bedinghaus:

This school parent requested a class for faculty in advance of the school year to understand students with special medical conditions. She advised that the issue applies not only to her child, but to others with severe allergies. At this point, due to lack of action by the administration, she has made arrangements for an educator to speak to her child's teachers. Mr. Wilson explained school policy and role of PSI. PSI has established guidelines that Mrs. Bonacci refers to, and is to pass along information to those who need to know. One challenge presented is that nurse's office is in the main building and just the walk from Tabor could put student health in jeopardy. Agreed that parents need to advise teachers if kids have special needs, and that special equipment needs to be available in each are of school where kids may be.

Finance Meeting:

Finance review meeting with Kevin Doles and the SAB will be held 10/8/07 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Board Vacancy:

Gene Andres has resigned his board position.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.