



**St. Gerald's School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 13, 2013
7:00 PM**

Present: Fr. Owen Korte, Michala Jacobson, James Gilmore, Alan Kosse, Chris Sommers, Jennifer Tselentis, Dennis Rinkol, Stephanie Jensen, Kathy Yochum

Absent: Tom Hegarty, Christy Keenan

Visitors: None

Minutes: Lori Bauer

Opening: Meeting started with a Prayer

Approval of Minutes: June minutes were approved

Principal Report - Michala

- Current Enrollment: 416
- 3 new families
- 2 new teachers (Miss Rachel Toner (K), Mr. David Clements (6-8 Math))
- Parent-Student Handbook has been updated and is smaller
- Postcard were mailed, by the teachers, to students this year to welcome them to the new school year and let them know who their teachers would be (this is a new connection piece w/ teacher)
- Technology in-service continues (email, calendar and Google apps)
- Open House: 8/14/13 - bring supplies, volunteer sign-ups, book fair, Men's Club (serving hot dogs), clubs and activities available for questions
- Middle school will be going outside when possible
- All rooms now equipped with projector and mimios
- 2nd Google Chrome Book cart has been ordered
- Variety of new policies and procedures are being implemented in the building to improve teacher instruction, student learning and staff collaboration and communication
- Security measures for building, teachers, and student safety in place and constantly being evaluated
- Catholic identity: Vocation awareness, Respect Life Curriculum - provides guidelines and resources for Catholic educator to integrate pro-life themes and objectives into current curriculum + spiritual adoption program

Committee Reports

Technology -

- 2nd Google Chrome book cart has been ordered
- Transitioning to Google Apps because of expense for Microsoft Office licenses. Products are similar so students using MS Office will still get the core training they need.
- Techie Tuesdays being implemented

- Servers are being updated

Athletic - Minimal committee members now - need new members. Mr. Jansen stepped down from 3.5 year term (originally 1.5 yr commitment)

Maintenance -Cement poured in drop-off lane, painting in the school, Charlie put in many hours

Home and School

- Hosted Back-to-School lunch for teachers
- Walk of Pride will be during the school day this year
- Family Night Out will continue - DQ (will allow early dismissal days, King Kong, TCBY, Rigazzi's)

Lunch

- New lunch program this year (District 66 reps will come over for first lunch day)
- Food Revolution at Westside

Parish Council

- Starting with goal planning and dividing up committees

Misc.

- Approved minutes will be made available on Sycamore (add "Approved" to copy and add "approved to file name"
- Policy Book - a small group was formed to get through the updates (Jennifer, Michala, James, Christy)
- Parade (thinking of creating an actual float this year)

Pastor Report

- Looking at several items (Parish blog site, time and talent volunteer mechanism, prayer lines (all parish mailing going out soon)
- Parish appeal (600 families choose to increase their donation)
- Flyer was created showing our 3 most prominent fundraising events (Guardian Angel Dinner/Auction (going toward kitchen update), H.O.P.E. Program (going toward security improvements, Walk of Pride)
- Reviewing feasibility of Parish Campaign (needed for roof, windows (some still single pane), heating (total re-work), bathrooms (plumbing and handicap accessible), air quality)
- Hope to have Men's Club pay for painting the gym ceiling
- Sound system will be rented for Guardian Angel event ("The Roaring Twenties")
- Athletic Director discussion still on-going

Action Items:

Lori: Send approved minutes to James and Michala

Board members: Review policies 1000 through 2200 for next meeting

Next Meeting: September 10, 2013 at 7:00 pm in School Library

Approved – September 10, 2013