



**St. Gerald's School Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 11, 2014
School Library - 7:00 PM**

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

Absent: None

Visitors: None

Minutes: Lori Bauer

Opening: Meeting started with a Prayer

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved

Principal Report - Michala

Last Month

- 1/20 Improvement Planning -in service for teachers
- Successful Catholic Schools Week
- 2/5 - Used 1 snow day
- 2/7 Mass of Lights
- Exposure of more competitions for STG Students (Wits Trivia, Spelling Bee, Blosser handwriting, etc.
- 2/13 Parent /Teacher conferences
- 2/17 Teachers attended Foundations of Faith In-Service
- Letters of intent have gone out
- 3/6 Attended Monthly Deanery Principal's meeting
- Events: Teacher Appreciation Day/Dads for Donuts/
- Lent activities: Ash Wednesday Mass/First Friday

Next Month

- Report Cards went home / Start of 4th Quarter
- 3/13 Feast of St. Gerald / Volunteer Mass
- 3/15 Father/Daughter Dance
- 3/17 Casual Day / Feast of St. Patrick
- Kids Speak Out - Ralston Recorder will feature STG 3rd Graders
- 3/20 Faculty Meeting
- 3/24 Kindergarten Round-up (currently 34 students)
- 3/27 7th Grade Science Fair

- 3/28 3-5 Grade Music Program
- 3/31 Walk of Pride Assembly
- 4/1 SAB applications due / apps available on Sycamore and Pride report

Principal Report (con't)

Planning Stages

- 2014-15 School Calendar
- Digging into data/trends/results - use to help with SIP (school improvement plan)
- Implementing School of Faith
- Considering new dismissal times next year
- Changes to P/T conferences (Student led and sign-up on-line)
- Teacher training (Supplemental Math program call Aleks Math, 6 Traits Writing, K-5 Spanish curriculum)
- Looking into Summer school (survey going to teachers then parents)
- Removing 1pm early dismiss
- Continuous School Improvement process (Mission Statement, School Profile, Action Plan)
- Continued efforts in working with Ralston Police/Ralston School Community to implement a new protocol by Fall of 2014 to present to parents and students
- Helpful websites
 - <http://www.schooloffaith.com/teachers> (10, 3hr sessions for teachers)
 - <http://www.literatelearner.com> (6+ 1 Traits Writing)
 - <http://aleks.com> (Aleks Math Supplement)
 - Spanish: Glencoe / Pearson-Prentice Hall / Calico Spanish

Assistant to the Principal Report:

- Finished 6 of 7 study skills (#6: Time Management #7: Motivation and Leadership)
- Math grades for middle school improved from 2nd to 3rd Q. Kids in G.A.P. will go to Mr. Clements room for help during that time (Sara Hood will be assisting)
- Student led conferences will start next year. Students will keep a portfolio to show during conferences. Millard has been using this model for years.
- K-5 will use Saxon Math / checking alternatives for 6th
- A summer school survey will be going out

Committee Reports

Maintenance

- Might replace roof above garden section and reposition cooling system on roof

Home and School

- Dads and donuts was a huge success
- Snack will be provided for Kindergarten Roundup

- 3/31 Walk of Pride kick off
- 4/29 2nd & 8th Breakfast Buddies (parents welcome)
- Lunch room is in great need of volunteers (talked about sign up genius)

Lunch

- None

Guardian Angel

- \$90,000 estimate

Parish Council

- Maintenance - working on gym ceiling
- Human Needs - Tim Mundorf leading Habitat for Humanity project
- Capital Campaign Kick-off
- Looking for new members
- 4/29 Spring Leadership program
- Jul/Aug/Sep - Pictorial directory headed by Sharon Bisen

New Business

- Applications being taken for School Board 2014-15
- Policy on family expectations/responsibilities in 1st draft
- Affordable Health Care Act needs to be worked into policy books
- 40 hours time for SAB 3/23 4pm-5pm

Pastor Report

- 1st Communion change (having 2 ceremonies during regular Mass) was discussed. Board consensus was to keep the change in place.
- Campaign is moving along (close to \$1M) / Visits and mailings are doing well / Inspirational stories about "gifts of faith"
- Need one person from the board to be involved in the recruitment committee

Action Items:

- Review Terra Nova / Explore results
- Recruitment from the SAB should be going out to potential candidates
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Next Meeting: April 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm in School Library

Approved: April 1, 2014