

St Gerald School Advisory Board

2014-2015 School Year

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015

School Library-7:00p.m.

Attendees: Katie Fehrman, Michaela Goerke, Jennifer Tselentis, Kathy Yochum, Nancy Kochanowicz, , Tobi Mathouser, Dennis Rinkol, Kris Sigmund, Chris Sommers

Not Present: Christy Keenan, Fr. Korte

Opening Prayer *Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends of St Gerald's. And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.*

Roll Call (see above)

Welcome Visitors-no visitors

Approval of March Minutes-Dennis Rinkol provided motion to approve. Nancy Kochanowicz to 2nd the motion. Going forward, Tobi will send the minutes to Joan Luebbert as well as the rest of SAB once they are finalized and *approved* at the SAB meetings.

Pastor Report (Fr. Korte)- None

SAB entered Executive Session from 7:46 to 8:33

Principal Report (Michaela Goerke)-

1. **Draft Calendar** at previous meetings SAB and Mrs. Goerke discussed aligning spring break with catholic high schools for the 2015-2016 school year. This has been reevaluated and, in order to keep the emphasis on Easter, spring break will remain focused on the Easter weekend; 2015-2016 WOP date will be discussed with new H&S president; Dates to modify on draft calendar-Jan1, October 29, November 25-27, September 13/14 should be September 12/13
2. **Ralston Public Schools**
 - Reflex Math-\$3000 (\$3024) Title 1 funding** Reflex Math is a K-8 computer program that Ralston Public high school uses. Cost is \$3000 per year licensing fee. We will try it and enter a one year contract from July 1, 2015 through July 30, 2016. Going forward, should St. Gerald find it to be effective, using annual Title 1 dollars.
 - Six Traits Writing Professional Development \$1500 Title 2** Professional development will take place on September 18th and October 19th
 - Nine Google Chrome Books SPED \$3600**
1. **New Staff** Justin Zabawa accepted the offer for the PE open position, and will also serve as the Athletic Director. Justin is currently teaching 4th grade at St. James, student taught at St. Wenceslaus, and is a St. Gerald alumni.

Dan Wees has been extended an offer for the Social Studies open position. Dan attended Gross, UNO and is earning his Master's at Creighton in secondary education. Dan is also a St. Gerald alumni.

Laura Holmberg, current Computer teacher, will teach middle school art on Fridays. Laura has a minor in art.

Spanish position is still open. Michaela is reviewing the few applications that have been received.

2. **4th Grade to Lincoln Tomorrow**
3. **6th Grade to Outdoor Ed Thursday and Friday**
4. **Dads and Donuts April 21**
5. **Walk of Pride April 24** To date total is \$21,545. School has hit their goal, therefore have won the WOP t-shirts. Next goal is 30K. If met, school will win a pizza party. IF 40K is met, students will earn ½ day off on May 1.
6. **Archdiocesan math Competition April 25** We have 2 students per grade attending 4th-8th.
7. **Spring play moved to the April 30th @ 6:30**
8. **May Crowning/Mother's Day Mass May 1: Afternoon off?**

Assistant to Principal Report (Christy Keenan)- None

Parish Council-(Kathy Yochum)- Mary Harper and Amanda Foreman attended the last Pastoral Council meeting. They both will be resigning and shared best practices in their positions. They both would encourage all to continue to thank the volunteers of St Gerald's.

Parish Council is also proposing to have a reception style thank you gathering for the April Leadership Meeting. If approved, the event will be held on Wednesday, April 29 in the Fellowship Hall from 7-8:30 and official invitation will be sent to all members.

Recruitment Committee (RC)-(Jennifer Tselentis)-RC has proposed moving the festival to the school; St. Gerald's has a twitter account. As a reminder it is everyone's responsibility to send updates/content to Michaela to update this account with information; Visit the www.greatschools.org website to share your personal experience at St. Gerald's. This is a great way to add valuable information for others researching area schools, to see; RC has researched the High Fivers Program-this is a program for 5 year olds who do not meet the cut-off for all day Kindergarten. This would be a 5 day a week program, morning/afternoon sessions, more academic focus than preschool, that could be located at St. Gerald. Great way to recruit at a younger age and is more cost effective than housing a preschool program at St. Gerald's. Research and discussions will continue on the High Fivers concept.

Home & School (Katie Fehrman)-

Buffy Larson is the incoming H&S president and will attend upcoming SAB meetings in replace of (but cannot replace) Katie Fehrman. Buffy's first SAB meeting will be in May/June; H&S is recruiting for new members for the 2015-2016 school year. 10 interested women attended the last H&S meeting; Please inform H&S members about the 2 SAB upcoming openings.

Other Business-

-Jen T. also mentioned that May 17th is the brunch that the SAB and recruitment committee are sponsoring from the auction. Natalie Neumann's parents were the winning bidders for \$150. The menu has not been determined so once it is, Jen will send it out and people can sign up for an item. Delivery details will be coordinated at a later date.

-Chris sent the SAB openings announcement to Cheryl. The deadline to apply was extended to May 8th. Chris challenged SAB members to reach out to at least 3 people and invite to apply for SAB openings. (See SAB application below)



Application for the St. Gerald Catholic School Advisory Board

Name: _____

1. Tell us about yourself:
2. Why do you want to become a member of the School Advisory Board?
3. What talents do you bring with you?
4. What do you see as the function of the School Advisory Board?
5. What do you want to give and receive from your involvement with the School Advisory Board?

***Please return the completed form to:**

**St. Gerald Catholic School
C/o School Advisory Board
7857 Lakeview Street
Ralston, NE 68127**

Or you can e-mail your completed form to: cmsommers00@gmail.com

All applications must be turned in by: May 8, 2015

NEXT SAB MEETING MAY 12 7PM IN LIBRARY

Other Committee Meeting Minutes- (See below)

REPORT

March 18, 2015

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Opening Prayer – **Tony Jones**

Attendance – Tony J, Dan T, Joan L, Fred K, Verl S, Nick S,

EAST CAMPUS PROJECTS:

CURRENT

1. Re-roof - Bid opening, Independent Roofers awarded bid **No Discussion**
2. Pre reroof work – 01 April 2015 to start. Paul Austin to set columns, Control Services to move gas line and mechanical. All to be complete and ready for roofer by 01 June 2015. **Question asked by Fred; Who will OK the change orders. A; Nick will.**
3. Boiler report – **No Discussion, Repaired**

PENDING/HOLDING

WEST CAMPUS PROJECTS:

CURRENT

1. Doors – **No Report**
2. Sidewalks - **Discussion RE this project, do we have someone in the Parish that can help with this? Fuccinaro? Brian M.**

PENDING/HOLDING

1. Display Case – discussion? **None**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring clean-up, mulch – Saturday MARCH 28, 8:00am - **NO pledge or oils to be used on the pews. Ratigan for the pew fabric.**

CLOSING PRAYER: HAIL MARY

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING APRIL 15, 2015 8:00AM