

St. Gerald School Advisory Board

2015-2016 School Year

Approved Minutes

September 14, 2015

School Library – 7:00 p.m.

Opening: Opening Prayer

Roll Call-Attendees: Dennis Rinkol, Katie Digilio, Buffy Larson, Kris Sigmund, Nancy Kochanowicz, Christy Keenan, Allison Balus, Phil LaSala, Michaela Goerke, Tobi Mathouser

Approve minutes from last meeting: Nancy Kochanowicz provided the motion to approve the August minutes with one change-the wording will be changed to “additional” math class in the discussion of the Zero Math Hour. Buffy Larson to second motion to approve.

Welcome Visitors: No visitors.

SAB entered Executive Session from 7:06 to 7:28p.m.

Principal Report:

Dismissal:

New procedures

Parking Lot issues: Several suggestions were brought up to help relieve the congestion of school pick up, parking lot striping/directional arrows, revisiting the staggered dismissal times, etc. Mrs. Goerke will take the suggestions and look into possible solutions.

Handicapped Spaces are not to be used for pickup unless the child is handicapped.

Food drive and other service projects: Phil LaSala provided a summary of what was discussed at the School Advisory Board Roundtable at the August 29, 2015 Parish Planning Meeting: Group members agreed upon the need for all in the St. Gerald Catholic School community to more deeply integrate the gospel message into their daily lives, and proposed three possible approaches to promote this end. First, the group suggested

hands on, service learning projects that allow students to help others by completing age-appropriate tasks that bring them into direct contact with the needy. This could occur as school sanctioned activities for each grade level that take place during the school day. Second, the group recognized that students already indirectly influence the faith lives of family members when they share what they've learned at home, but there was a consensus that it may be possible to more directly influence parents using short, focused notes in the Pride Report. For example, a text box might highlight how a particular student urged his parents to recycle after completing biology studies with Mrs. Sullivan, and how his family members are now better stewards of the earth's resources than they were before. Finally, the group agreed that the small group mentorship model holds promise for promoting a deeper love of God, self, and our fellow human beings within the St. Gerald Catholic School community, but more study is necessary to determine how this might be implemented.

Please send any additional ideas as to how these goals can be accomplished to Phil LaSala.

Report Cards and Progress Reports:

Will be available online effective immediately. There is also an option for parents to receive report cards/progress reports in paper form upon request. A suggestion was made to have a Sycamore Education refresher training available to those who might need it. Going forward this may be a good addition to back to school curriculum night. Katie Digilio will create a Sycamore Tutorial and send to Mrs. Goerke.

School Security:

Currently the school's front door remains unlocked at all times. Mrs. Goerke presented the idea of keeping these doors locked at all times and installing a system that would allow the front office staff to "buzz in" any visitors. Additional research will be gathered and revisited by SAB. Additionally, it was noted that visitors of the school may need a reminder about sign in/sign out procedures when volunteering in the school.

Assistant Principal Report: None

Committee Reports:

Athletics: None

Maintenance: None

Home and School: (Buffy L.) Planning for October festivities. Will send out a clarifying, follow-up email to room parent volunteers clarifying the Teacher/TA gifts.

Parish Council: (Katie D.) The parish is in need of greeters and ushers at the masses. Katie D. stated that she will create a flyer with details, contact information, etc. to be sent home with school kids as a recruitment tool. It was also suggested that we revisit the below chart discussed at the February 2015 SAB meeting:

Group Name	Grade/ Age	Contact Name	Contact Phone	Contact Email	SAB Member Assigned	Role Able to Perform	Weeked Mass Preferred
Home and School		Katie Fehrman			Katie Fehrman		
Daisy Girl Scouts	K-1st	Amy Gilmore		aim.gilmore@gmail.com	Chris Sommers	Greeters	
		Karen Harris		karencecelia@yahoo.com			
Brownie Girl Scouts	2nd - 3rd	Kris Sigmund			Kris Sigmund	Greeters	
Junior Girl Scouts	4th - 5th	Kris Sigmund			Kris Sigmund	Greeters	
Cadette Girl Scouts	6th - 8th	Kendra Sullivan	402-516-4896	kendra.sullivan@cox.net	Chris Sommers	Ushers/Greeters	
Boy Scouts	K-8th	Brian Stavneak		bstavneak@gmail.com	Nancy Kochanowicz	K-5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	
Girls On The Run	3rd - 5th	Kathy Yochum	402-651-503	kayochum@gmail.com	Chris Sommers	Greeters	
Boys Basketball	1st - 8th	Mike Kinney			Jennifer Tslentis	1st-5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	
Girls Basketball	1st - 8th	Mike Kinney			Jennifer Tslentis	1st-5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	
Boys Soccer	1st - 8th	Matt Pelan			Jennifer Tslentis	K-5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	
Girls Soccer	1st - 8th	Matt Pelan			Jennifer Tslentis	K-5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	
Volleyball	3rd - 8th	MaryJo Thompson			Katie Fehrman	3rd -5th Greeters/6th-8th Ushers	

Sunday 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM are most in need of ushers

Finance-None

Recruitment-None

Pastor Report: Father out of town. Didn't provide a Report.

SAB President:

Welcome new members – Verify contact information

Confirm Bulletin board schedule

Just a reminder, when putting photos up, please run the names of the children in the photos by Christy or Michaela to ensure they have a signed media release on file.

JANUARY 2016	Tobi M.
FEBRUARY 2016	Buffy L.
MARCH 2016	Katie D.
APRIL 2016	Nancy K.
MAY 2016	Dennis R.
JUNE 2016	Phil L.
JULY 2016	Allison B.
AUGUST 2016	Kris S.
SEPTEMBER 2016	Tobi M.
OCTOBER 2016	Buffy L.
NOVEMBER 2016	Katie D.
DECEMBER 2016	Nancy K.

Next Meeting: October 12, 2015 (Monday) at 7:00 p.m. in the school library