

St. Gerald School Advisory Board

2015-2016 School Year

Approved Minutes

November 9, 2015

School Library – 7:00 p.m.

Opening:

Opening Prayer

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

Approve minutes from last meeting-Motion to approve given by Nancy Kochanowicz, Second motion to approve by Katie Digilio

Welcome Visitors-Tina Martin sent [an email] to Katie Digilio regarding the need for greeters. Katie [read] the email to the group. Terry Fletcher is in charge of the scheduling of the ushers. [Remove the language that Dennis Rinkol will follow up with Terry] in light of the Parish Council report of Katie following up with them.

Principal Report:

Parent Teacher Conferences-Suggestion was made to increase the time allowed to speak with teachers from 10 to 15 and 20 minutes for Kindergarten; Send a reminder out prior to conferences reminding parents to stick to their scheduled time and try to adhere to the allowed time to help teachers stay on schedule; Also remind parents that conferences are not the only time to reach out to teachers-if there is concern, encourage parents to reach out at any time during the school year; Will look into working on Mr. Kotrba's conference availability and getting a substitute for him for additional days.

Veteran's Day- 9:00 mass on Wednesday 11/11 in the gym. Ms. Gann is putting all submitted photos of Vets into a slide show.

Preschool Update- Mrs. Goerke sent the grant in and we received acknowledgement that the grant was received by Patrick Slattery; The first preschool survey that was sent out resulted in complication of the data; 2nd survey was more direct and produced more useful information-84% of respondents stated "yes-they do want a preschool".

Enrollment Figures-(see attached Enrollment Numbers chart)-Mrs. Goerke made SAB aware that there is currently only 27 Kindergarten students at St. Gerald. This is typically not enough to

have two 1st grade classes but other, creative solutions will be discussed and evaluated, but this is a situation that SAB should be aware of and “keep an eye on”.

Terra nova Results Coming Soon- It was confirmed that the Terra Nova tests were received. Results will likely be available in January.

K-5 Christmas Program Dec. 10 at 7:00 at 96th & Q
Christmas Carol for 8th graders Dec 17
6th & 7th grades will have Living Stations in the Spring

Open House January 24th-Recruitment committee meeting to discuss details.

Kindergarten Parent Meeting: February 25

Kindergarten Roundup: February 26

Assistant Principal Report: None

Committee Reports:

Maintenance: None

Home and School-Working on St Nick and Teacher Christmas Gifts; Classrooms will not have organized gift exchanges again this year; H&S is collecting money from all student families and will distribute the money evenly among staff for Christmas gifts-donations are optional and as always, families also have the option to give their own gift to teachers should they choose to.

Parish Council-See above under Visitor’s Report) Katie will follow up with Cheryl Bolin, Terry Fletcher and Tina Martin on the Usher/Greeter schedule.

Finance-None

Recruitment-Recruitment Committee is working on the Open House details.

Pastor Report: Father can’t make it. Father volunteered to host the December SAB Christmas get together. Several dates were discussed; however, the only date that worked for most was December 13th, which is also Reconciliation. Father may be too busy with both events taking place this day, so Kris Sigmund volunteered to host the party in her home. Dennis Rinkol will follow up with Father.

SAB President:

Bulletin Board ideas Phil to get materials from Allison for November’s bulletin board.

Next Meeting: December no meeting. SAB Christmas get together. (More to follow)

SAB will go back to meeting the 2nd Tuesday of the month, starting in January.

Next Meeting will be January 12, 2016.