

St. Gerald School Advisory Board

2015-2016 School Year

Approved Minutes

April 12, 2016

School Library – 6:30 p.m.

Opening: Opening Prayer

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

Approve minutes from last meeting: Allison Balus provided the motion to approve the March minutes. Phil LaSala seconded the motion to approve.

Welcome Visitors: No visitors.

Principal Report:

- Feedback on uniform changes: board members heard some concern about whether students would need to buy all new uniforms. However, because items are being eliminating in stages, that lessened this concern. The graph in the Pride Report was excellent in demonstrating the plan to gradually eliminate certain options.
- Re-enrollment is going on online right now. Nancy reported that it worked very smoothly
- Welcome Tuition Grant is underway again this year. 32 new students have come into the archdiocese, and 16 of them are at St. Gerald (12 this year; 4 registered for next year)
- The Recruitment Committee wants to have a garage sale as part of the uniform sale to raise money for the committee. The Committee is trying to find a way to raise its own money so they are not relying on Home & School's money. The Committee wants the sale to involve mainly toys and books. However, committee members talked about also having the St. Vincent de Paul truck here so they can put anything unsold on the truck. The school uniform sale was at the Fellowship Hall after masses, but the uniform sale takes up every table, so if it includes a larger garage sale, it may have to take place in the gym.

- Walk of Pride: Email blasts have been sent out. So far, the kids have raised almost \$15,000. Kids are speaking at mass this weekend, and there will be envelopes in the pews
- Staffing: right now we are in the process of hiring a fifth grade teacher. We're also looking for a counselor. One individual who is getting her Master's Degree in counseling this spring will be sending in her information. Contracts from the current staff are due Friday. Only a few haven't turned them in yet.
- Construction: this summer, because of the construction that will be taking place, the only rooms that will be available to any teachers will be the six classrooms on the first floor hallway. They will be working on the Air Conditioner on one end of the building, and the Pre-K area on the other side. Pre-K construction starts the day after Memorial Day and is scheduled to be done 7/28.
- Math Competition: students involved did a great job this weekend. Details will be in the Pride Report.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten: so far, we only have enough children signed up for morning Pre-K. However, St. James opened last year, and they had only one session at the end of the school year but by the end of the summer had enough for a morning and afternoon session. We currently have a total of 12 students signed up, which was originally going to be the limit per class. However, the architect has said we can fit up to 15 in each class. Kindergarten has 42 children signed up for next year. This year, Pre-K kids cannot go to Missy's because she has to change her license and hire another person to take 4-year-olds.
- Chapel remodel: will be unveiled on Friday, April 15th.

Assistant Principal Report: Nothing beyond what was shared in the Principal's report

Committee Reports:

- Maintenance: See separate minutes from the Maintenance Committee
- Home and School: (Buffy L.) Everything is focused on the Walk of Pride right now.
- Parish Council: There is a meeting next Thursday to go over the budget. After that, the focus will be on the Spring Leadership meeting on April 28.
- Finance: See separate minutes from the Finance Committee
- Recruitment: (Kris S.) As noted above, the Committee is trying to plan a garage sale in conjunction with the uniform sale most likely to be held in the gym. The Committee is currently trying to coordinate this with Nick and Missy. In addition, people interested in participating with the 4th of July float should let the Recruitment Committee know. The Committee is considering having a casual day sometime in May to fund the purchase of candy for the parade.

Pastor Report: Father could not make it, and did not provide a Report.

SAB President:

- Dennis is responsible for the May bulletin board. He is planning on doing a graduation/awards theme.
- A notice will be placed in the Pride Report to publicize the fact that we need applicants for the two spots opening up on the Board next year. We will elect two members for next year, and then for the following year when three of the members leave, we will only replace two.
- Going forward, the Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library