

September 8, 2016

SGAB Agenda

Absent: Caitlin Ball, Samantha Maher Sheahan, Nick Suh

Present: Fr. Malcolm, Mr. Theis, Cindy Vega, Anmarie Water, Brenda Ochoa, Dan Cerceo, Michelle Soto, Theresa Orozco, Lissette Alvarado

- I. Call to order 7:04 pm
- II. Opening Prayer
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Pastor's Report

All schools were tested for lead. We have no lead in our school water. Electricity update: electricians were in the school 2 weeks ago and met with village electrician for a walk through the school and discuss project. Village items are in accordance they need files, once approved we can move forward. The electricians have ties to St. Gerald, Dad was an alum. Hopefully, electricity project will be done this year. This would provide sufficient electricity for air conditioning in spring 2017. Before work is done floors must be x-rayed to see where pipes and water are in order to put in conduit. Parishioner electricians have volunteered to help with the work.

Enrollment:

380 students last year down 20 students

Reason for decline (moving or family separation)

Some part-time teachers were let go, no full-time teachers were let go. Three special subjects have been divided; English, math and reading. Science teacher used as a resource.

Carnival was successful. \$171,000 is the amount left to pay for the athletic center. HNS will pay \$55,000 this year.

To teach who Christ campaign reached beyond its goal. This would allow for:

- Handicap accessible church
- Windows on west side (2 years out)

Fr. Met with staff: we need to let more people know about the good things we do here; more publicity of what is going on. A quarterly newsletter was suggested. Some items to include

- HNS- raise \$55,000 a year to defray cost of gym and also other good things such as Breakfast with Santa, pictures with Santa.
- International Taste Committee; many different countries
- St. Vincent DePaul Society-inform how money is distributed.
- BR students who are St. Gerald alums tested 1st and 3rd place- (Cindy will follow up with Mrs. Hosty to include in newsletter)

Letting the community know what's going on in our school. Distribute in bulletin, mail, Oak Lawn matters newspaper (available online and mailed to homes) free.

Social media of church-

We must be careful with what we put in print and be more intentional.

- V. Principal's Report see printed
- 40 students graduated which is another factor in decline in enrollment
 - Cooling rooms available during hot days
 - ASPIRE results came in this summer. It was a different type of test definitely harder. Staff meeting on how to solved lower scores this will be worked on with the archdiocese.
 - STEAM Progress: faculty committee met 3 times to work on different aspects. TinKrWorks proposal cost \$25,000. Grant submission to Honda is being worked on TinKrWorks will work with St. Gerald School to submit by Feb. 1st deadline.
 - STEAM survey results 65% families felt it was important 35% not against it but don't want to forget the foundation of literacy. See vision statement of school.
 - Partnership with
 - Q of P HS, tutoring possibly to be offered unsure yet of location St. Gerald or Queen of Peace
 - Mother McAuley. (see principal's report handout)
 - St. Xavier University -literacy other possibilities with other schools and banding together.
 - Development has earmarked Trivia Night funds will go to STEAM initiatives

VI. President's Report

A. Introduce three newest members & welcome back to all ☺ 1

- Michelle Soto,
- Caitlin Ball ,
- Samantha Maher Sheahan

B. All board members were encouraged to read the bylaws again to gain perspective. This year the plan is to shift in what the board has previously done. Part of the plan is to collaborate with organizations and departments at St. Gerald and have SGAB be a supporting body.

VII. Report of Standing Committees

A. Assignment of Committees for 2016-2017

1. Budget & Finance-B. Ochoa, M. Soto,
 - a. Implemented new Tuition Contract
2. Marketing & Public Relations D. Cerceo
3. Planning & Policy T. Munoz
4. Development (Development Office) –work with Debby, A. Waters, C. Vega, L. Alvarado
5. Building & Maintenance M. Soto
 - a. Projection of new windows for school
6. Legislative Action T. Munoz
7. Technology Nick Suh
 - a. Cheryl Eberle new teacher/updates on website Nick will work with her.

Michelle Soto will put together a proposal for lottery fundraiser

VIII. Report of Special Committees

IX. Old Business

A. Status of STEAM program

- 1. Professional Development
- B. Status of Technology Program; lab had to be fitted with 31 computers instead of the 27, replaced some teachers computers, tablets donated
- C. Status of Electrical Wiring
- X. New Business
 - A. Spirit Wear Angie P.
 - 1. Discuss the status of selling, collaboration, addition of drawstring bag option, present streamlined order form
Drawstring bags waiting for approval, -----SGAB not to handle money----- collaborate with Mother's club or another organization or channel through development office, online orders possible? Paypal can be used and \$ go into a designated account- Computers in lab room are 3-5 years old-should they be replaced? Will meet with new computer teacher to survey needs.
 - B. Considering Open House at Night accessible to working parents in addition to Catholic schools week. 6:30-8pm Sunday and a Wednesday 10 days later
 - C. Text book ages concern about science book from 2000, cannot push new math book b/c of common core, what are we doing? Science book were bought with Illinois textbook loan. Digital downloads for science books-it's hard to open without wifi, mr. theis agrees will look into it.
 - D. Collaboration with MC, Development, Parish & HNS
 - 1. **Development expectations:**
Bingo – support
Pumpkin 5K – volunteer
Trivia Night – assist/table
November 12th.
Dinner Dance – promote/go

Raised 10,000 last year/
promote it as a board. February

2. Parish:

Do You Believe in Miracles

9/21 & 9/22 (Weds & Thurs)

@ 7p.m. – Promote/Attend

Sciencetestsfaith.com/stgerald

- XI. Announcements
- XII. Comments from the Floor
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn 8:16pm
- XIV. Closing prayer