

St Gerald School Advisory Board Meeting
October 8, 2015 – 7:00pm

Agenda

Present:

Lissette Alvarado
Paula Bednarek
Dan Cerceo
Carlos Delgado
Theresa Munoz
Gail Stearns-Hussein
Nicholas Suh
Anmarie Waters

Absent – Brenda Ochoa and Cindy Vega

Father Malcolm
Mr. Theis

3 guest were present

- I. Call to order 7:03
- II. Opening Prayer – Father Malcolm led us in prayer
- III. Approval of minutes
Motion to Approve: Theresa 2nd Paula
- IV. Pastors Report
 1. Spraying water all over the gym and attempting to find the leaks. Possibly hairline fractures.
 2. Tuition is coming in better this year. Contract is helping
 3. 10 days ago all the priests from the Diocese got news that 50 parishes and schools are closing. They wanted input. Monday 19th, 8 schools in our area will discuss what the future holds. 4 are strong. 4 weak schools: Our Lady of the Ridge, St. Louis deMontfort, St. Patricia and St. Albert. What do we see coming 15 years from now? Should we consolidate?
 4. Parishes are cutting down due to not enough priests to staff them. We average 1600-1700 people in attendance on Saturday and Sunday masses combined.
- V. Principals Report
Paragraph handout – rosary program on Saturday
Principals Report
 - *November 12th – Coffee with the Principal at 6:15pm. A PowerSchool Tip Presentation will take place with assistance from board secretary, Gail Stearns-Hussein
 - *Anti bullying Assembly – Staley the Bears Mascot was in attendance
 - *October 9 – Teacher Professional Development Day
 - *Rosary and Respect Life Prayers – are two themes that are being highlighted
 - *Aspire Testing Update –Mr. Theis, Mrs. Conley and Mr. Montag are plotting out a strategy to best use the

Practice tests. Paper/Pencil version will be used for the summative test.

VI. Presidents Report

*Doing well on FB page – everyone has access to post. Please continue to post our upcoming events, which in turn will receive exposure for the school.

*Dan forwarded an email through the AMEN Organization, which encourages enrollment and development of schools. Dan will attempt to attend, if he cannot, he will follow up with the organization. They are helping create a Parent Ambassador Program.

VII. SAB committees Reports

- a. Budget & Finance – We are in a better position due to tuition. We have been attempting to get parish envelopes for everyone. We have come up with a list of people who will receive envelopes.
- b. Marketing & Public Relations – We can advertise at on the bulletin board and put out brochures for Oak View, Worth Township and Oak Lawn Library. Boy Scouts are up for renewal at the Train Station – no issues advertising at the OL Train Station. Chris Pineda will talk to AnMarie once the renewal has taken place.
Dan asked if we could put flyers at Our Lady of Loretto – Father Malcolm said it shouldn't be an issue since they don't have a school. Father suggested Spring time. Mr. Theis faxes information for bulletins during the spring time to at least 14 parishes that do not have schools.
- c. Planning & Policy – Mr. Theis has forwarded emails to Theresa regarding school vouchers
- d. Development –
 - * Science on the Go Bus – According the Michael Trent – the bus is not currently running. Paula asked for other courses. CC Sheriff Tom Dart offers Youth Services Programs. We would like to have them come out and offer programs.
 - * Librarians come to the school and what is available at the OL lib. Story time, etc. Good free program.
 - * Marist offers professional development to the teachers. (Many are designed around technology)
 - * Dan reported from Cindy - she is having difficulty getting a response from the Archdiocese in regards to grants. Cindy is looking into grants for private schools
- e. Building & Maintenance – painting was postponed due to volunteers. A future date will be set. 1 electrician came out and gave good ideas. Those ideas went to the Parish Council (electrician is on that council). Slowly moving through the channels.
- f. Legislative Action -none
- g. Technology – Website is ready to be transferred. Dan went to Debbie Janicke – she said to speak to IT. Ben Kirkland, along with Jeff Norris who has a company that we operate under their purview. Ben will take care of it and will teach Mrs. Slifka according to Mr. Theis. According to Mr. Theis, they are authorized to give Nick access to transfer the website to the GoDaddy Hosting Service. Website is hosted through Google site. Domain name is hosted through GoDaddy. Decided it would be best for Mrs. Slifka to work with Ben. Nick will work with Ben. Ben will work with Mrs. Slifka. Mrs. Janicke is contact person for the business relations.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Teacher Wish Lists – Theresa got from Jen Cronin – Theresa will update letter and make a new sign up genius
- b. Website update status – (see above under technology)
- c. Adding school happenings to church bulletin – follow up with Brenda next meeting
- d. Schedule Coffee with the Principal session/topic – (see above under principal's report)

IX. New Business

- a. Discussion of adding a security committee – Mr. Theis stated that last spring teachers had to go through a training with Officer Pascetti through the Oak Lawn Police Department. We had a supervised lockdown and Officer Pascetti came in after to discuss concerns. Mr. Theis attends The Annual First Responders Meeting
- b. Spirit wear – Gail proposed a sprit wear option for teachers, staff and parents/family. Mr. Theis and Father will consider for next meeting
- c. PK uniform policy survey results – Father and Mr. Theis will consider the policy as written the next meeting

X. Announcements

XI. Comments from the Floor

*Parent inquired about the Aspire Test - would this test be considered as a placement test at OLCHS.

XII. Closed Session

XIII. Motion to Adjourn – 8:13 by Gail – Nick 2nd the motion

XIV. Closing Prayer