

St Gerald School Advisory Board Meeting
January 14, 2016 – 7:00pm

Agenda

Present:

**Lissette Alvarado
Dan Cerceo
Carlos Delgado
Theresa Munoz
Gail Stearns-Hussein
Nicholas Suh
Cindy Vega
Anmarie Waters**

**Father Malcolm
Mr. Theis**

Absent – Brenda Ochoa an Paula Bednarek

- I. Call to order
 - 7:00 PM
- II. Opening Prayer
 - Father Malcolm led us in opening Prayer
- III. Approval of minutes
 - Carlos – motioned to approve, Nicholas seconded
- IV. Pastors Report
 - Father showed a Southtown article on our volunteer night
 - Starting in February we will start the Teach through Christ Program. The program is designed for people to make pledges. Monday the 25th there will be a meeting at St. Julie's in Tinley Park at 7.
 - Our goal is to raise 1 million in 5 years. 60% will stay in parish. Over half will go to improvements in the school. We want to replace windows, repair roofs and to make church front more handicapped accessible.
 - January 29th meeting – father will attend a meeting to discuss parish closings. Approximately 7 will close. Number of priests are declining. In 2030, 250 priests will be left in the practice. There are 320 parishes.
- V. Principals Report
 - 4 pieces of paper were given.
 1. Preschool Uniform was approved for Preschool 4 for the upcoming 2016-17 school year. Preschool 4 will not be required but is strongly encouraged.
 2. Catholic Identity Survey – being worked on. We will add on the Facebook page to encourage parents. We need 23 more parents to weigh in.
 3. Re-vamped website is to go live and is eminent
 4. Aspire – We are just beginning our 3rd phase. We are on track for all testing the week of April 11th for grades 3-8.
 5. Church Envelope Tracking is Moving On
 6. Catholic Schools Week – Mr. Theis gave a list of Catholic School Week activities
 7. Fifth Grade Letter
 8. NET Retreat
 9. Meemic Foundation Grant – presented to Mrs. Hennigan for the purchase of new microscopes

VI. Presidents Report

- Open House is January 31st from 10-12. Board arrive at 9:30-1
- We will print sheets with talking points – Dan reviewed them
- We will ask NJHS to attend and report to Paula. They will not lead tours but will be available for help.
- We will table foreign language discussion
- We will table lunch food discussion
- Holy Name Society – April 15th – Smoker Event
- Holy Name Society sponsored a contest and father's who attended the meetings, their students will get McDonald's lunch. Dan will bring at 11:30

VII. SAB committees Reports

- a. Budget & Finance – Diocese will give teacher raises and health care costs
- b. Marketing & Public Relations – Continue to promote Open House
- c. Planning & Policy
- d. Development
- e. Building & Maintenance – Sink still does not have a resolution. Yerkes is coming in to work on it on Monday the 18th. He is doing the plumbing part. Mr. Theis will email AnMarie an update. Bill Waters offered to do the dry wall.
- f. Legislative Action – Senate and Representatives went back to Springfield yesterday – stay tuned
- g. Technology – More support for St. Gerald Marketplace

AnMarie suggested adding a security committee to School Advisory Board. Gail approved the motion followed by Theresa who seconded.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Spirit wear update – Order forms went out. Tabled the discussion of how to allocate funding.
- b. Decision regarding preschool uniforms – see above
- c. Website status – see above
- d. Open house planning – see above

IX. New Business

- a. Formation of security committee – see above
- b. Schedule next coffee with the principal – March
- c. PK and K Evening Open House in February – suggested event for parents who can't make it to the open house during the day due to viewing other schools.

X. Announcements

XI. Comments from the Floor

XII. Motion to Adjourn – Dan made the motion to adjourn followed by AnMarie who seconded

XIII. Closing Prayer 8: 15