

St. Gregory School Board Minutes
September 1, 2009

Start: 6:30 pm End: 8:00 pm

Board Members Present:

Lisa Nastari – President
Bill Gatt- Vice President
Suzanne La Mar- Secretary
Lisa Azzopardi
Jody DiMauro
Tom Finn
Peggy Marinaro
Ron Rock
Mike Pearl

Board Members Absent:

Mike Callagy
Donna De Benedetti

Administrative Members Present:

Lorraine Paul – Principal
Monsignor McElroy – Pastor
Father Mark
Sandy Brook – Grade 5-8 Vice Principal
Cindy Stuart – Lower Grade Vice Principal

Administrative Members Absent:

None

Parents Club Representative Present:

Elisa McCoy
Valerie McGuigan

Minutes

- A. Meeting Location – Faculty Lounge
- B. Opening Prayer
- C. Lisa Nastari - President
 - Welcome new board members and all members introduce themselves
 - School Board will try to defer voting if a board member is absent and the vote does not need to happen immediately.
 - Discuss agenda's, when they will be distributed, only school board members can propose an agenda item
 - All school board meetings are open unless posted as an executive session

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D. Principal's Report – Lorraine Paul

- We have 36 – 37 children in each class, we are blessed with our enrollment
- Very pleased all teachers and all teacher aides are back for this year
- Playground update:
 - Pleased with how it turned out, unfortunately water table issue set us back financially, however the black top was done correctly and will be safe. We still need to raise \$42,000. Looking into fundraisers to do just that.
 - Awning is much more expensive than originally thought, permit fee has also increased. Total fee will be closer to 25K.
 - It's a priority this year for the administration.
 - Thanks to the Sports Board for purchasing the Volleyball Court and Basketball courts.
- Additional Smart Boards in the classrooms. Mrs. Garibaldi will be spearheading the smart board technology at our school.
- Communication in regards to use of school distribution lists for business solicitations was addressed by Mrs. Paul and Monsignor McElroy. Emails given to the school by parents are for school business only and not to be used to solicit individual's private businesses.
- WASC Progress – Three objectives to meet as a result of our WASC evaluation, first Technology Integration, we are doing very well. Secondly, Diversity in the Curriculum, while we are improving in this area we are looking to systemize this. And lastly, Conflict Resolution, Sandy Brook and team have been working on this and have identified a local organization called Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center. They are at the planning stages now and we will be hearing more about this in the near future. Board members and parents will be involved in the roll out of this program.

E. Pastor's Report - Monsignor McElroy

- Monsignor reminded us to be mindful of the economic crisis and how it might be affecting members of our parish. The parish will be having Novena's, nine days of prayer for those who are suffering.
- On a pro-bono basis the parish has organized career counseling, interviewing workshops and resume writing workshops.

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 - Discussed new Room Mom Binders that include budgets and guidelines. All classes will receive itemized budgets for expenditures during the year. Any surplus in a year will roll over to the next year.
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End of Minutes

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