

St. Gregory School Board Minutes  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
6:30pm

Present: Lisa Azzopardi, Kristen Besse, Sandy Brook, Jody DiMauro, Donna DeBenedetti, Bill Gatt, Carole Lozito, Frank Marinaro, Alan Priest, Lorraine Paul, Mike Pearl, Ron Rock, Cindy Stuart

Not present: Mike Callagy, Tom Finn, Bishop McElroy

1. Opening Prayer – Lorraine Paul
2. Principal Report – Lorraine Paul

We have installed 4 Smart Boards, 2 more are on their way. Because the library didn't think they needed any new books, the proceeds from the Book Fair paid for 2 of the new Smart Boards. Mrs. Paul explained that Scholastic doesn't give you actual dollars for the Book Fair, but rather, you take your profits in a number of ways, including using points from their catalog, and Mrs. Fahrner discovered that you could purchase Smart Boards this way. Professional development is scheduled for next month, and now, every classroom will have a Smart Board.

Kindergarten tours are happening. Kindergarten applications are at 40, 14 siblings so far. Numbers to date are pretty close to last year.

8<sup>th</sup> grade class gift was a portable microphone, and that has been purchased.

You Tube/Google in-service for junior high taking place this month – at You Tube headquarters – about Internet safety – junior high teachers and parents are invited.

Mrs. Fahrner and Amanda Ford have covered Jo's classes in her absence; we will keep Ms. Enyeart and her family in our prayers.

Process for selecting a new principal: Committee: Mike Pearl – school board, Linda Tribuzi – Parents Association, Carol James – Parish Council, Sandy Brook – faculty representative, Lorraine Paul and Bishop McElroy. The position has been posted and in the SF Catholic newspaper. Deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Looking to sign a contract by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Contract is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

We have acquired a classroom set of responders, which provide instant teacher feedback. Waiting for in-service on the use of responders.

The auction made \$40,000.

IOWA TEST Score Results – Overall trend in student performance reveals that the longer they're at St. Gregory, the higher their scores. In every class, kids are achieving at a level that's higher than or equal to projection, given cognitive ability. Although students are achieving at or slightly above grade level in math, Mrs. Paul wants that achievement to be more significant. The new program in math is a step in this direction; teachers have had and will continue to have more training and in-service.

3. Committee Updates – Lorraine Paul and Mike Pearl

Finance Committee will meet January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. This is one week before the board meeting at which the budget for next year will be discussed. Mrs. Paul gave an overview of our financial progress to date.

Technology Committee: The technology plan is pretty well in place, but we're going to solicit input from the incoming principal before the plan is finalized. We are moving toward one to one computing, and looking at a cart of laptops to be used in the middle school grades.

4. Escript Update – Ron Rock

Tuition rebate program through Escript will be rolled out during Catholic Schools week. Each household that brings in 3 new sign ups gets a free dress pass; class with the most gets a movie afternoon.

5. Parents Association Update – Kristen Besse

Crab Feed is this month. Tickets will be on sale Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> – to the parish, the Young Families group, the school. Andrea Broderick to take over the crab feed organization next year.

Mother/Son event – San Jose Giants – date is on school calendar.

Movie Night – We are looking at the possibility of April 8<sup>th</sup> to have a drive-in movie event in the schoolyard. Stay tuned for details.

Parents Association is exploring the possibility of an after school science club exploration. Stay tuned for details.

6. Closing Prayer – Lorraine Paul

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Donna DeBenedetti