

St. Gregory School Board Minutes  
February 4, 2010

**Start: 6:35 pm End: 7:45pm**

**Board Members Present:**

Lisa Nastari – President  
Bill Gatt- Vice President  
Suzanne La Mar- Secretary  
Lisa Azzopardi  
Donna De Benedetti  
Jody DiMauro  
Mike Pearl  
Mike Callagy  
Tom Finn

**Board Members Absent:**

Peggy Marinaro  
Ron Rock

**Administrative Members Present:**

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

**Administrative Members Absent:**

Cindy Stuart – Lower Grade Vice Principal

**Parents Club Representative Present:**

Elisa McCoy  
Valerie McGuigan

**Minutes**

A. Meeting Location – Faculty Lounge

B. Opening Prayer

C. Principal's Report – Lorraine Paul

- Finance Committee met prior to School Board Meeting to go over budget for 2010-2011.
- Highlights of differences in budget: Increases in health care costs as a result of increase in premiums and number of teachers switching between plans, text books over budget, BFI increased, copier maintenance increase, general liability insurance increase, extended care coverage. These overages effect next years budget.

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- Moving forward a big part of the increase in budget for next year is an approximately 17% increase in health care costs.
- Art in Action will be moved out of budget as fundraiser covers cost.
- Teachers' salaries are being frozen except for those who have met higher education standards.
- Tuition increases will be approximately 4.5 % and new rates are as follows:
  - 1 child - \$5,820.00
  - 2 children - \$11,322.00
  - 3 children - \$15,840.00
- Extended Care will increase by 50 cents per hour to \$5.50/hr in order to break even next year. This program is not meant to make money it is strictly a service to help our working parents.
- We will not be continuing with our current music program, we do not plan to replace with a formal program but will plan to integrate some sort of music instruction in the classroom. A few board members voiced their concern about losing a music program.
- The School Board members that were in attendance voted unanimously to the increase in tuition and increase to the extended care cost.
- It was announced that we will moving forward with a Tom Brady raffle to help pay off the increase in incurred costs for the new black top. Last time we raised 70K. Mrs. Paul really hopes this gets a good response and is grateful to Maureen Brady-Timmons for coordinating this – Thank You!

D. Pastor's Report - Monsignor McElroy

- Parish raised approximately 25K for Haiti and Guatemala, Archdiocese as whole raised 250K.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who received generous tips from the Crab Feed donated the majority of their funds to Haiti. This is something we are very proud of.
- Micro-lending has been introduced to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and we hope to involve other grades to help our children understand micro lending and help in deciding what loans we want to sponsor and to learn about poverty.
- Our parish along with other parishes will continue to work with families who need assistance with job search during this economic time. The support group is expanding and going to soon be providing a job board.

E. Lisa Nastari - President

- No new topics were introduced

F. Escrip – Lisa Azzopardi

- In the past we have benefited from our families shopping at Target with a Target Visa Card. For families interested in participating we will be providing more information about how you can enroll in the future.

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G. Committees

- Parents Association
- Crab Feed was a huge success. Thank you to Kristen Besse and chairs!
- Elisa and Val will be leaving as co-chairs of the Parents Association and are looking for replacements.
- Sports Board was brought up in terms of what are the board members terms are, do we have by laws for the board. Lorraine Paul was going to work to see where this information might be.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: March 4, 2010, Open Meeting

**End of Minutes**

**Attachments: None**