

## St. Gregory the Great School Commission Minutes

Meeting Date: January 20, 2015

Members present: Yolande Lasky, John Farney, Mary Wejrowski, Jennifer Dunning, John Farney, Michael Hafemann, Jeff Senn

Members excused: Joey Kovnesky, Susan Feider-Kelly

Prayer was led by Yolande Lasky

November 2014 minutes were reviewed and approved

K3 program: Yolande discussed the reconfiguration of the program to be focused on learning sessions targeted to reading math and science for the 2015-16 school year. Sessions would likely be 90 minutes, 2 days per week with each session lasting 3-4 weeks. Father Tom is supportive of this change. Design work and pricing analysis are currently underway.

Enrollment: All enrollment materials will be distributed January 21<sup>st</sup>. Enrollment materials can be returned beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>. Enrollment will continue through February 20<sup>th</sup>. Choice forms are not currently available but are expected to be distributed by January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Yolande is anticipating that enrollment could be impacted by several factors including St. Matthias becoming a choice school and more full-day 4K offerings in the public schools.

Staffing: Mr. Weiss will become a full-time employee so that we can continue to meet the DPI standards for physical education

Mrs. Bruno will likely assume responsibility for all aspects of communication including Great News. The anticipated increase in hours is minimal.

Conference survey: During parent-teacher conferences a survey was conducted on homework and communication in the school. Only 60 surveys were returned. Majority of respondents indicated St. Greg's provides the appropriate amount of homework. The communication responses reflected some families may prefer alternative methods of communication.

Open house: 4:30-7pm on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>. Hot dog dinner will be served. Education Commission members will be present to assist with serving and giving tours.

Budget: Yolande presented budget information. The auditors review of our choice students resulted St. Greg's not being allowed to claim 4 choice students. We will have money remaining in our testing budget because Iowa tests are not being administered this year. Our textbook budget will be over because of the cost of the new Social Studies text

Technology update: Work continues with our technology vendor to get a laptop lease program established. Current 5<sup>th</sup> grade laptops would be given to the teachers to use. We are also looking to adjust our support model with the vendor so we can have more on-site support. All funding for technology spend would require finance committee approval.

Commission Membership: John shared with the commission that Lisa Rhode has resigned because she is moving out of the country. John also reminded the commission that Jennifer Dunning and Susan Feider-Kelly's terms end this year. The group is considering having a staff member join the meetings. Yolande will solicit the staff to see who might be interested.

Tuition: There will be a 3% increase in tuition for 2015-16 school year.

Differentiators: The group talked about things that differentiate St. Greg's from other schools. Some of the things identified were diverse and inclusive environment, STEM program, Forensics, Drama, Music/choir, Spanish, Technology and Art

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6pm