

St. Gregory the Great Parish School

School Commission Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – Pastor’s Study

Attendance

Members Present: Fr. Tom Demse, John Farney, Joey Kovnesky, Jeff Senn, Mary Wejrowski

Members Excused: Beth O’Connor, Amy Schlegel

1. Prayer – Jubilee Year of Mercy Prayer

Led by Fr. Tom

2. November Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the November School Commission meeting distributed, reviewed, and approved.

3. Pastor’s Report

The Finance Committee approved the School Committee’s recommendation of a 2% tuition increase. Revenue increases will help fund, in priority order, 1) salary increases, 2) technology upgrades, and 3) facility improvements. Teachers/staff who are parish members and have children in the school will receive a tuition discount based on their number of years of employment. The budget process will begin soon.

Bishop Sklba will preside over the Catholic Schools Week mass on Thursday, February 4th. People will be speaking about Catholic Schools Week at the weekend mass on January 30-31.

John questioned Fr. Tom’s stance on low volunteerism within the parish. Fr. Tom responded that he is not concerned with quantity of volunteerism/leadership but rather the quality of the people who do.

Fr. Tom spoke about the upcoming transitions to the Seton Catholic School system. Although we will lose some autonomy, the overarching results will be positive for St. Greg’s. We are in the third and final cohort for transition.

4. School Commission Membership

The name of a prospective member was shared. John will follow up.

This is John’s last year on the Commission, meaning that the chair position for the 2016-2017 school year will need to be filled.

5. Open House

The school will have an open house on February 2nd from 4:30-7pm. Teachers will be in their classrooms for families to visit. A hot dog dinner will be served in Tenpenny Hall with showcases by school organizations. School Commission will be represented and have our board from the ministry fair on display.

Fr. Tom left the meeting at 6:30pm

6. Parent Survey

School Commission members reviewed the content of the survey Amy plans to send to families later in the year. The results will be used to help focus future school improvement plans. Feedback from the Commission will be shared with Amy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting Tuesday, February 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Kovnesky
School Commission Secretary

2015-2016 Meeting Schedule

All meetings are tentatively at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Room

- ~~Tuesday, August 18, 2015~~
- ~~Tuesday, September 15, 2015~~
- ~~Tuesday, October 20, 2015~~
- ~~Tuesday, November 17, 2015~~
- ~~*No December Meeting*~~
- ~~Tuesday, January 19, 2016~~
- Tuesday, February 16, 2016
- Tuesday, March 15, 2016
- Tuesday, April 19, 2016
- Tuesday, May 17, 2016
- Tuesday, June 21, 2016