

St. Gregory the Great Parish School

School Commission Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members Present: Yolande Lasky, Amy Schlegel, John Farney, Susan Feider Kelly, Joey Kovnesky, Jeff Senn, Mary Wejrowski

Members Excused: Jennifer Dunning, Michael Hafemann

1. Prayer

Led by Yolande Lasky

2. Introductions

Amy Schlegel and School Commission members introduced themselves to the group

3. May Meeting Minutes

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

4. Overview of School Commission

Members of the School Commission gave an overview to Amy of how the School Commission operates within St. Greg's as well as its history of what has been found to work and what does not work and things that need improvement within the Commission.

John shared that the Commission has historically had a high level of trust with the principal which has allowed for open discussion. However, membership requirement and the Commission's efforts for marketing have been a struggle.

Yolande shared that the three primary areas the Commission focuses on are budget, marketing, and policy.

Amy discussed her experiences of working with the equivalent of the School Commission at her former school, where she held the position of teacher liaison for a number of years.

The School Commission intends to include a teacher liaison next year. Amy shared input and gave her experiences regarding this topic.

Yolande shared that there has been a change in Commission structure after a pastoral change a few years back.

A discussion took place around the feel of a separation of the church and school. Possible solutions can be looked at in the future.

5. 2015-2016 School Commission

Meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of the month from August-November and January-June at 6:00 p.m., with the option to change the days/time if need be.

This is final meeting for Jennifer Dunning and Susie Feider Kelly. Mary Wejrowski will be transitioning from the role of Pastoral Council Representative to regular School Commission Member effective in the fall. Beth O'Connor will be the new Pastoral Council Representative to the School Commission.

6. K3 Discovery Sessions

There will be three K3 Discovery sessions beginning next school year—one in fall, winter, and spring.

Each session will be 90 minutes two days per week for three weeks and the focus on early literacy and kindergarten and school readiness.

The groundwork for this program is completed, but needs marketing to gain enrollment.

7. Marketing Initiatives

Current marketing ideas and undertakings were shared including use of community newspapers to advertise school/parish events and the possibility of using the Archdiocese's databases to get addresses for direct mailings.

Yolande shared how the internal marketing team is structured and what projects they undertake.

8. Principal's Report

Yolande distributed the current enrollment numbers. Many grades are at or close to capacity.

Bookends is currently working on transitioning into its new space.

The contract with DPI for the breakfast and lunch program is under review.

Results from Badger testing have not arrived yet. MAP results from spring testing were sent home with report cards. Grades that did not meet goals will be implementing specific instructional strategies to help improve scores.

Applications for the librarian and music teacher positions have been received. Amy will be looking over these after she officially begins her position.

Trainings for the new student information system will most likely not occur until August.

Jeff inquired if there would be any additional follow up from last year's ACE assessments. Yolande informed that Commission that there would not be and Amy shared her experiences with the ACE assessment at her former school.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.
Next meeting Tuesday, August 18, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joey Kovnesky
School Commission Secretary

Tentative 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