

St. Gerald School Advisory Board 2018-2019
 Draft Minutes September 11, 2018
 6:30 Library

Opening Prayer (Carisa Dillon)

Attendees: Christy Keenan, Carisa Dillon, Bridget Wilson, Katie Fehrman, Amanda Krumholtz, Natalie Whitman, Torri Tejral, Regina Franzuebbers, Debra Frankenfield, Mr. Bier
 Not present: Parish Council representative, Father Mark

Reminder of roles for SAB to be updated on the website:

Voting members:

- Carisa Dillon (3rd term/President)
- Natalie Whitman (3rd term/Vice-President/Recruitment)
- Katie Fehrman (2nd term/Secretary)
- Bridget Wilson (2nd term)
- Amanda Krumholz (1st term)
- Debra Frankenfield (1st term)
- Torri Tejral and Regina Franzluebbers (Home and School representatives)

Non-voting ex-officio members:

- Fr. Mark Nolte (Pastor)
- Christy Keenan (Principal)
- Mr. Bier (Athletic Committee)
- TBD (Parish Council representative)

Approval of June 2018 minutes with a unanimous vote from the board.

New start time for meetings will be 7:00

Principal Report:

Vision statement reminder

- Encountering Jesus-Making Disciples-Transforming Lives
- Students are working on more core projects to put this vision statement into action

Current Enrollment

- 373 students/251 families
- 3 tours of potential new families scheduled this week

Back to School night

- Pleased with attendance
- Many factors involved (casual day, new format, timing, previous commitments and time of notification)

Year	Grade	Participation	Grade	Participation
2017-2018	Pre-K through 5th	66%	Middle School	39%
2018-2019	Pre-K through 5th	89%	Middle School	69%
Improvement	Pre-K through 5th	23%	Middle School	30%

Be a Flower not a Weed

- Purpose is to strengthen the positivity of the school, led by Mrs. O’Gara
- Supporting literature will be sent home and posted in the PRIDE report
- Use of the word “bully” will be closely monitored
- Topic presented on the “Buddy Bench” and confusion on purpose
- Christy will revisit with Mrs. O’Gara and communicate with families

Mixed Home Rooms – Assisting student to recognize they have a voice, can make decisions and lead at any grade level

- “Mixed up Mondays” Lunch times are a mix of 6th, 7th and 8th
- Students are giving good feedback and have also asked for “mixed playground time”
- Teambuilding, Advisory, Leadership: Home Room teacher is their “advisor
- Middle school is becoming more one unit, not just “6th” “7th” and “8th” grade

Technology Program/MS Language Arts

- Miss Jizba has been working on several programs and ELA is blossoming

Smart Girl Society/Digital Citizenship

- Miss Jizba is connected to current trends and building a community of respectful students in a digital world

Grandparent lunch

- September 13th, Communication with parking updates will be shared on September 12th

STARS/Terra Nova

- Math and Reading testing began September 11th
- Three sets of testing will be given to assist with curriculum and students needs
- St. Gerald’s current school improvement goal is in Reading

WOP October 4th

Committee Reports

- Home and School – Walk of Pride October 4th
 - Walk to be led by Alison McCulsky with a goal of \$40,000
 - New this year, request for corporate matches
 - Families will receive communications with updates on the walk
- Recruitment
 - \$1000 raised with the used uniform sale
 - “Welcome to Kindergarten” signs in yards was very well received
 - Buddy Family change: one point of contact for all new school families
 - Looking for ideas on how to sustain the 4th of July parade in Ralston
- Athletic Committee (Mr. Bier)
 - New pads installed under the stage
 - All MS athletes received free gold warm up jerseys (to be used for 3 years)

- Angie Gallagher (volleyball) and Jeff Chantiam (soccer) are coordinating well with their respective sport and the Athletic Director
- Parish Council (no update, no point of contact)

Auction Dinner

- Last year's donation of dinner will be held at Jean Thompson's home on November 3rd
- No planning has happened under the leadership of T.J. Ernst, TJ has left St. Gerald's.
- The operating budget is relying on \$120,000 from fundraising efforts promised by TJ
- The auction will need to take place in the Spring 2019 in attempt to raise the \$120,000

Bulletin Board schedule

- A monthly sign up was sent around for the next year. Natalie will bring an updated version to the next meeting.

Other discussion:

- Christy's succession planning for emergencies:
- Mrs. O'Gara, Lead Teachers (Pre-K to 2nd Ackerman, 3-5 Fraser, 6-8 McDermott, Specials Kreiger)

Closing Prayer

Next meeting: October 9, 2018, 7:00 pm in the library