

Good Shepherd School Board Meeting Bullet Points

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April 27, 2009

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Pastor's Report:

•Father Helwig stated the process of hiring a new Principal is moving along as scheduled. He is very positive in that there is interest and that interviews will begin to take place.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Fish distributed a handout entitled "School Board, April 27, 2009". Some points that were noted by Mrs. Fish are as follows:

•New Enrollment: Mr. Bowe previously reported that new enrollment was 307. However, new enrollment is currently at 303. Mrs. Fish explained that a possible reason for the difference in the enrollment number, may be due to those families that visited our school and said that they'd be registering both children and now had decided to enroll just one of their children.

•Race for Education: Mrs. Fish gave high praise to all the volunteers who helped make the Race for Education a success.

•Swine Flu: Mrs. Fish informed all members that due to news reports regarding the potential threat of the swine flu, GSS is not allowing any students to handle any garbage. Instead, teachers and custodians have been asked to take care of this task.

•Calendar: Mrs. Fish reviewed the school calendar for the remaining school year. Lisa Wolfe also added that on May 15, Giant Foods Stores will be distributing a check to GSS for approximately \$13,912 for A+. Lisa stated that GSS won second place behind Cumberland Valley and that we exceeded St. Theresa's total.

Committee Reports:

Policy:

•Sean McCormick asked that we consider instituting an educational program involving Peer Relations and Bullying. In the absence of Project Peace, we currently have no programs reinforcing appropriate peer behavior. Janine Di Caprio provided a print out of the Peer Relations Program currently used at Cumberland Valley. Melinda Joyce also indicated that there is a "relational aggression " program offered for girls by Cheryl Dellasega of Hershey Med Center/PSU. Mrs. Fish informed us that there is training for teachers regarding "bullying" through Act 89, which is federally funded. Father felt that as a Catholic School, we should address this issue by going back to Scriptures and training our students to act in accordance with these teachings. Father suggested that this training involve a piece for parents, since this type of behavior (bullying) extends beyond our school into our neighborhoods.

- The Policy Committee will gather information on various programs and begin work on creating this training program.

Finance:

- Michael Whiteman prepared a handout entitled "Good Shepherd Dinner Dance Feb. 2009" which he provided to the Board Secretary. This handout detailed all revenue and disbursements as it related to the Good Shepherd Dinner Dance. The net proceeds totaled \$17,706.92.

•Additionally, Michael provided the members with two additional handouts prepared by Mark Glessner. The 1st included the budgeted numbers for 2008/09 and 2009/10. The 2nd were the actual YTD numbers ending 03/31 for 2008 and 2009 and again the budgeted numbers for 2008/2009. According to these numbers parish subsidy was \$142,028 less than budgeted for 2008 and \$174,045 less than budgeted for 2009. Michael Whiteman explained that due to the economy, plate income is down.

- Melinda Joyce asked if our 2009/10 budget includes a salary for a full or part-time librarian. It was indicated that Middle States recommended that GSS have a salaried librarian. Michael Whiteman stated that a full or part-time librarian was not budgeted, however if it's considered a high priority then it should be addressed.

Communications:

- Melinda informed Board Members that the Communications Committee has prepared a set of 7 goals and objectives. All these objectives are in support of their purpose, which is to: provide relevant, non-confidential information from the School Board to the school, parish, and local communities on a timely basis. The handout detailing these objectives will be included with 04/27/09 minutes.

- One other suggestion made by Mrs. Fish is that we have our GSS students distribute church bulletins after masses, while dressed in their school uniforms. This is just one way to bring the school and church closer together.

Building & Grounds: John Ford reported no meetings were held.

- Kathy Pillion stated that the 8th grade would be purchasing a gift for the school upon their graduation. She had thought perhaps an outdoor Stations of the Cross might be nice, however was concerned about their maintenance. John Ford as well a Father stated that nothing may be attached to the actual building. However, Father stated that we still have the cross from the old school that they can try to utilize. John Ford also recommended a grotto be placed in the front beds on Carlisle Pike. Lisa Wolfe asked Father if there are any books for purchasing these types of religious items and he stated that there are some in the church office.

- Derek Rosenstein informed the Board that he is in the process of trying to have the 9 projectors (purchased with PEAK money), installed in their appropriate classrooms. Previously, the estimate that GSS received to install these projectors was \$1300 per room. Derrick approached the diocese to obtain a second quote to have its custodial team install these projectors. The quote was \$500 per room. Derrick stated that after Wednesday (April 29th), 5 rooms would have their projectors installed. However, the one already installed in the Art Room needs to be reinstalled properly

PTO Update:

- Kathy Pillion stated that PTO is working feverishly on Springfest.

Old Business:

- Father Helwig stated that the 3 Memorial Boards would be installed in the GSS shortly. He also stated that the portraits of the Bishop Kevin C. Rhodes and Pope Benedict XVI would be installed before 05/15/09.

New Business:

- Sean McCormack stated that at the next meeting we must vote on whether we continue to have School Board meetings every other month or have it changed to every month. Father suggested having them every other month but on the off months have in depth discussions related to each individual committee. Some members feel that by meeting only every other month that the Board may lose their momentum.

- Father informed us that the forms related to School Board elections would be sent out shortly. There are a few Board Members whose terms are up in June 2009.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next School Board Meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Library at Good Shepherd School.

Respectfully Submitted by Janine Di Caprio