

St, Gerard Majella School Board Meeting August 15, 2016

Board Members Present: Teresa Kerner, Jen Hobin, Kara DiCarlo,, Christy Ross, Carla Peretz, Sally Kellogg, Michael Ariston, Susan Frey, Jessica Espe, Maureen Heidenry, Alison Helgeson, Diane Gray

Board Members not present:

Ex-Officious Present: Ms. Guthrie, Fr. Skillman, Jeanie Hall

Ex-Officious Not Present:

Meeting called together at 8pm by Kara DiCarlo

- review of board purpose and function
- opening prayer by Maureen Heidenry
- introduction of new members

Parochial Administrator's Report-Father Skillman

-Father is excited to work with our students and staff. He and Fr. Bueler plan to meet with each class at least once a month.

Principal's Report-Chris Guthrie

-theme is Joy is Prayer, Joy is Love, Joy is SGM; Ms. Brand will be celebrated throughout the year

-27 new families, 10 new students (non K)

-5 new staff members (MS Science, MS SS, Spanish, MS Math, part time K aide)

-231 Families registered; 384 students registered (increase of 14)

-School Improvements

- Science tables refinished
- Desks purchased for 6 and 3
- Carpeting in gym foyer
- Trophy case
- Refinishing of gym
- Middle school rooms moved
- Curriculum posted on Website

-Curriculum nights 8/30 primary, 8/31 intermediate, 9/1 MS

-Social media night for all parents followed by workshop on social media for MS parents on 9/27

-Spirit Day Monday-Spirit shirts worn (\$10) every Monday with proceeds to Guardian Angel Fund in memory of Ms. Brand

-7th and 8th grade planting a tree in her memory

-Survey to parents about future of technology at SGM

2015/2016 Board Recap

Marketing

- Coffee talks
- Website improvements
- School video
- Revamped weekly newsletters
- Improved the Facebook page
- Strengthened ambassador program
- Survey of state of the school to parents
- Met with new (non K) families to dialog about SGM experiences
- Retention goal: 97%; Actual: 96%
- Annual Growth goal: 25 new families; Actual: 27 new families

Resource

- Met with each level coordinator throughout the year to review highlights and curriculum

Good of the Order

- School board encouraged to observe classrooms
- Monthly E blast with School Board News
- Curriculum Nights
- Night/Coffee with the Principal Sept 22 at 6:30pm, Coffee Oct 17 at 8am
- orientations

Meeting was adjourned at 9:14