

St. Gabriel Technology Committee – May 11th 2009

Present: Roger Riggs, Rhonda Becker, Sheryl Kremer, Lisa Lauder, Suzanne Fulk, Matthew Goetz, Alex Tapia, Paul Greathouse

1. Budget for 2009/2010 was discussed and the committee advised leaving the budget cuts as they are. It was suggested that the Technology Fee be raised. It seems that \$20 per family is a drop in the bucket for what the technology needs are.
2. The school webpage has been edited in NVU and therefore cannot be edited in Dreamweaver. Rhonda has shown this to Matt Scobee and he said to leave it as it is for now and after school is out this summer Matt and Rhonda will go through it page by page and add all the tags back. We will also look at fixing the school logo. Rhonda will be taking another Dreamweaver class in June and will be able to do more to the webpage after that.
3. The future of the laptop lab was discussed. Given the state of the economy it was suggested that families purchase their child a laptop in the 6th grade for them to use in school. Then when they graduate the laptop will go with them. It was asked if the current IT staff can any more computers other than what they have now. Adding more laptops could be a burden to the staff.
4. The committee would like to reorganize and redefine what the roll of the committee is. It is felt that ALL technology for the parish/school should fall under Technology. The committee should be consulted for advice/opinions on any new projects where technology is concerned so they can give their professional opinions. They would like for Fr. John to try to come to at least one meeting per year and also have more input from Pam Huelsman as to what her wants/needs are for the school.
5. It was decided that from now on all the computers that we were reformatting and reselling to the public should be donated. It requires too much time of the staff to reformat these and get them ready to sell and they are too cumbersome to store until they are sold. It was more difficult to sell them this year without an operating system. Sheryl said if we can let her know by the last day of school which computers are going out of rotation she would get a group together to go collect them from the classrooms and move them to the library. We can at that point ask Tom Goodin if he would like to donate them to a project that the youth of the church are doing in Appalachia. If not Tom, we will find a place to donate them. It was also decided to donate the remaining CRT monitors that we still have in the building.
6. The committee would like to see a task list for summer projects. The committee has volunteered to help get the two servers up and running and to help with bringing in the new computers and formatting them. They said if Steve can get an image ready they can help with the rest.
7. Good News! Roger has agreed to chair the committee for another year!!! A very big thank you to Roger for his commitment to this committee.