

March 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Principal Huelsman.

Attendees:

- Pam Huelsman, Principal
- Kathy Stivers, Assistant Principal
- Various Faculty Members

PTSO Board Members:

- Shana Wathen, Co-President
- Lynda Bolt-Jones, Co-VP
- Mike Book, Co-VP
- Missy Pittman, Co-Treasurer
- Kelly Shaper, Events Coordinator
- Various At-Large Member

Opening prayer is video produced by several 8th grade students depicting the Station of the Cross.

Mike Book introduced PTSO board members and gave a brief overview of how the PTSO has reduced number of fund raisers over past 8 years and how remaining fund raiser monies have been spent, i.e.; Taste of St. Gabriel, Chili Supper, Market Day, Walk-A-Thon.

Lynda Bolt-Jones gave a brief overview of the Walk-A-Thon fund raiser, scheduled for 4/30/09. Students will receive "Walk-a-thon" envelopes prior to Spring Break to collect pledges from family, friends & neighbors. Each class will have an assigned time on 4/30/09 to complete their walk. Other festivities that day will include an obstacle course and parade.

Lynda requested parents volunteer for various workstations during the Walk-A-Thon to ensure success. Volunteers were also requested for envelope count days (4/27 & 4/29) and to help fill water bottles. Sign up sheets were provided during the meeting.

Principal Huelsman presented an informative presentation on the school marketing strategy for enrollment. She discussed an "Enrollment Management Plan" for the school that has been developed to address future growth.

The plan is part of the Archdiocesan long term marketing strategy for the school looking for ways to increase enrollment at SGS in both our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, with the goal to maintain optimum enrollment at all levels.

The plan highlighted a list of SGS Core Values, what will distinguish SGS from others.

The plan will be used in the accreditation process, and it will highlight an evaluation survey that will be completed by the School/Principal in the form of an evaluation to track key points on whether we are

meeting our goals. There will also be a Parent Evaluation that will be part of the 2009-2010 school registration packet .

Ms. Huelsman announced the new SGS logo “Where the Spirit Soars” that will be used uniquely to identify St. Gabriel students and staff. She explained it was part of an Archdiocesan request to distinguish or identify one diocesan school from another. She touched on reintroducing the original school colors of Blue/White/Gold. They will be used in the new logo. She made note that the Athletic program and all SGS teams would still be identified with the Leopards logo.

There was discussion on the implementation of the new logo, and she alleviated any fears that the school was implementing an entirely new uniform for the upcoming school year.

The 2009-2010 tuition rate with a modest 1.1% increase was announced, it was very well received by all in attendance.

A welcome announcement was made on the re-implementation of monthly “Full” uniform breaks for students. A compromise has been reached to combine Skating Party, Box Top’s & Market Day uniform breaks into one.

There was an announcement made that the PTSO was researching other ways to help families with tuition in form of providing additional funds for assistance based on the economic times we are facing. The assistance would be part of the diocesan program for families that meet necessary qualifications.

Principal Huelsman talked about “Community & Family” of which we are all a part of, emphasizing the greater community and specific to our Parish. “We are All family, we are one, where we support and need each other.”

Mike Book announced that the PTSO would provide a new sweatshirt for every student for the upcoming school year at open house to help families defer additional expenses.

Floor was opened for Q&A session.

There was additional discussion on the phasing out of hoodie sweatshirts for the upcoming school year. Administration took note of parental concerns and will consider a grace period before a final decision to not allow hoodies as part of acceptable wear.

Closing prayer performed by Lynda Bolt-Jones to close meeting at 8:05 pm.