

School Board Meeting February 8, 2022

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SB Principals Report 2-8-22

- Prayer: Our Father
- Discussion of adding a new member because Dolly Rivero has moved
Chuck Brawner will look at names from the list of who were interested and reach out
- Upcoming Events: March 5th Trivia night and Silent Auction for Pottery
The Gala is every other year but we want to have the pottery silent auction. Many parents asked about it. The fundraising will go to the school
March 19- Thanks for Giving Dinner

Covid Update:

- Cases are decreasing. 39 cases in January and only 2 cases in February
- We have been following the new guidelines and the 5 day quarantine has been helpful so kids are missing less school.
- Discussion of changes to be made if numbers remain low
- Should we let kids switch classes again in grades 3-8?
- Should we let kids share recess equipment?
- Distance Learning- If cases continue the trend to decrease should we set a time line to not offer QDL?
- Quarantine only 5 days and Spring sports are fully masked or outside

Feedback from School board:

- They feel kids need to switch classes. They need the movement
- How many are in quarantine now? 3
- Kids should use equipment again
- Teachers will be flexible in helping kids switch classes again
- Distance Learning- if going to make changes then ease in and give parents a warning that some changes are coming
- Is it worth it to make this change with only 6 weeks left?
- If a student out more than 5 days and no QDL then it will be hard to catch up
- Table it again next month and talk about QDL
- All agree to switch classes and use playground equipment

Kara Hobgood- Student Council President:

She is coordinating with the School nurse, Ashley Hurst to set up speakers to Celebrate our Differences month.

Each grad level will have a guest speaker and educate our students on disabilities.

New Award:

- The Dove Award: This award goes to a staff member or administrator
- A parent can nominate a staff member or administrator who has made a difference or a positive impact on St. Gabriel
- Nice opportunity to recognize someone
- School board will review the nominations
- April meeting- Go over nomination and order an award for the recipient. It will be given out at the last school mass.

Questions from School Board members: Roundtable:

- Will we have Advanced Algebra again? We do not have the staffing to return back to a separate Advanced Algebra class. We are looking into an Accelerated Algebra/ Reading class. 2 classes would be mixed ability and one class would be Accelerated. We were starting this discussion right before Covid hit. We need to revisit this discussion. It is a work in progress.
- Uniforms: concerns from members:
 - Collared shirts for a tie are expensive.
 - Ties are an extra cost.
 - Consistent uniform- switching seasons is confusing
 - Junior high - keep it a privilege that they wear the quarter zip
 - Maybe offer different colors in the quarter zip
 - PE uniforms are too big. Can we look into different options?
 - Zipper on the bottom makes it difficult to hem or offer no zipper
 - Maybe a jogger style?

Next meeting: March 8, 2022 6:30 pm in person (Junior High Commons) or zoom

Kate Temple will bring the prayer

