

St. Gabriel the Archangel School Board Meeting Minutes

5/10/22

6:30 p.m. In person or Zoom

Members in attendance:

Staff:

- Lara Krill - principal
- Jennifer Schulz - asst. Principal
- Kathy Wood (via skype) - School Communication Coordinator

Student Council Rep:

- Kara Hobgoad - 8th grader

Members:

- Melissa Best Miller
- Chuck Brawner (via skype)
- Leslie DeWitt
- Lori Emily
- Christopher Johnson
- Miranda Oaks Wantland
- Jamie Owen
- Kate Temple

Opening Prayer provided by Mrs. Krill.

Celebrations/Star moments:

- Mrs. Krill attended a leadership committee throughout the school year and they recently wrapped up. She enjoyed the experience.
- Melissa Best Miller - Derby parade was a huge success. Parents were very pleased.

- **Chuck Brawner - Announced 7th/8th powderpuff charity event on 5/11/22 at Assumption's Green Field. Proceeds will benefit the Nick Rodman Legacy Foundation.**
- **Kate Temple - Son graduating from St. X**
- **Chris Johnston - Girls soccer working hard.**
- **Kara Hobgood - graduating from St. Gabriel next week**

April meeting minutes:

- **Minutes from the April meeting were not presented for approval due to member absence.**
- **School admin explained the process regarding how and when meeting minutes were posted to the school website. Members questioned whether or not this process could be expedited with current technology as many items discussed are no longer relevant to families once the minutes have been published to the site.**

Principal's report:

- **Mrs. Krill reported that we currently have a waiting list for next school year's Kindergarten program. Current numbers are capped at 78 students. There will be four classes that will become 3 classes as they enter the 1st grade.**
 - **Questions regarding growth plan if numbers continue to grow in upcoming years.**
 - **First time with a waitlist**
 - **A 10 year campus plan will need to include enrollment trending data as well any possible regional model if the diocese were to make a decision to have regional schools.**
- **While viewing the enrollment report members inquired about the current 6th grade class having a significant decrease (currently 69 students, report showed 60 with a +/- of one student). Mrs. Krill**

stated that was a typo and should read 69 students projected for 7th grade next school year.

- **Mrs. Krill discussed the Marketing/Admissions**
 - **Currently this is a slow time of year. Online registration will begin soon. Email blast with link is live. Information to be posted in the Trumpet on 5/13. Registration ends on 5/23. Those missing forms in the parish office may be blocked.**
 - **In an effort to minimize parent frustration and blocked accounts parish and school staff will share the document with family names and forms turned in.**
 - **“Roaring Good New” - March newsletter published, sent to prospective families, alumni, and parish. May’s newsletter is currently being worked on.**
 - **Photo shoots with Susie DeZarn (grandparent of current student) to include new pictures for website and marketing materials.**
 - **Marketing in parishes outside of Jefferson County (Mt. Washington) as well as those without a catholic school were discussed. In the past this had been done in regards to Mt. Washington and staff would need to reach out. Local parishes without a school are receiving marketing.**
 - **Word of mouth is the most successful tool.**
 - **Members asked about ads on radio/billboards. The cost outweighs the reward and would not be a good use of funds.**
- **Initiatives Matrix:**
 - **Enrollment trend from the 2017-18 school year to the current 2021-22 school year discussed. There has been an overall decrease of approximately 80 students during this time period. Lowest enrollment occurred during the 2020-21 school year at the height of the COVID 19 Pandemic.**

- **One goal for admin was to increase the enrollment by 15% from the 2018-19 numbers. There is no common data tracker used by the archdiocese so schools have to create their own.**
- **Second goal addressed was to increase racial diversity from 5% prior to COVID to 15%. Goal is currently at 12.6% mastery. This increase could be attributed to cultural awareness, emphasizing the human dignity of all, celebration of differences and the growth of the Preschool program.**
 - **The preschool assists with enrollment and led to a discussion of the library being used for a preschool classroom. This change was made during covid and many would like the library to return to the school. Student rep, Kara stated that the current placement of the library in the 7th/8th grade area causes disruptions and lack of collaboration amongst the students. Younger grades can be noisy as well as disrupt the upper grades while they are in the commons collaborating with each other. Mrs. Krill stated that the master plan being created by facilities will have to address this concern. The facilities update should be released soon.**
- **Third goal addressed is the increase of non-Catholic students. Staff are welcoming of different denominations. Students are taught Catholic values. Do not have to participate in sacrament preparation outside of school hours.**
- **Completed Spring MAP scores - will be released in May.**
- **In the Works -**
 - **Admin team working with Ann Cummins Bogan (works with Arch Lou) will assist in pd creations, has had listening sessions with faculty, focus on inclusion/diversity, background with Danielson Framework for Teaching, data driven instruction, and reaching all tiers of learning.**

- Lunch schedule - time needed to wipe down tables and prepare for the next group entering.
- Uniques - possible hybrid model that includes year long classes as well as those that are only 6 weeks, more choices based on interests, trimester based.
- Junior high leveling - an accelerated program, based on Map, teacher recommendation and grades.
- Instruction - New ELA standards from the Archdiocese, math was updated last year.
- Standards based grading - Kindergarten and 1st next year, we are part of the Archdiocese cohort implementing this way of grading.
- Changes in majors and minors - currently implemented inconsistently throughout the school, planning a school-wide model that requires documentation and the use of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL).
- School Board Goal Statement to be revised/updated based on fiscal calendar.
- Possible future agenda items:
 - The library placement
 - Extending the school day to 3 pm to assist with transition times as well as allow for extra recess for lower grades.
 - An open forum for parents to attend and speak at board meetings.
 - Ways to increase communication to parents that are in person or via surveys.
- Next board meeting will occur at the start of the 2022-23 school year; August 23rd at 6:30. Meetings have been moved to the 4th Tuesday of every month.