

Guerin Catholic High School

Parent Guild Meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Attendees: Joan Eicher, Katie Zachary, Maureen Witt, Kristi Kenney, Cindy Boise, Barb Gallina, Kim Santucci, Patty Lindley, Cindy McCune, Laura Kimmerling, Carolyn DeFelippis, Kim Kennedy, Nancy Miller, Elisabeth Long Young, Joan DeSilvester, Diane Johnston, Sally Dallas, Consuelo Fossati, Elisabeth Groot, Karla Kinkade, Sherry Milnamow, Trish Whitcomb, Suzi Swanson, Meg Dicks, Jeannie SanGiorgio, Nancy Eiker, Barb Gryna, Jackie Mewborn, Rosie Zatkulak, Rita Kuhlman, Anita Wojda, Cathy Dolen, Colleen Ward and Katie Baker. There were 34 in attendance.

Meeting commenced at 9:05 am.

Principal Report – Rick Wagner

Start of school

- Very smooth start to the beginning of the school year
- Back-to-School Night last night – overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents about all aspects of the school.
- A few of the normal glitches – technology, lockers, uniforms, etc.
- A few *new* glitches – process for student pick-up in afternoon, parking

Our new freshmen class

- Incredible energy – very excited to be here
- Phone calls to parents this week
- Visiting freshmen classrooms on Thursday
- SOARing Eagles program – new study skills program

Facility / Temporary classrooms

- Everything necessary to make classrooms “school ready” completed on time for the start of school – no adjustment problems as of yet
- Converting space to department offices very helpful
- Ray and crew + Scott did a great job over the summer

Homecoming Dance

- Format and rationale – casual attire following Friday football game on October 16
- Other possible events that week – drum line during arrival, class competitions, powder-puff game followed by bon fire?
- Future? – looking into semi-formal dance option for 2009-2010 school year

Professional Development for faculty

- “Back to basics” – focus on classroom instruction
- *What Great Teachers Do Differently* – Todd Whitaker
- Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) to focus on techniques, mechanics
- Department chairs more involved in observations / evaluations
- Committee to explore student feedback instrument options

- Peer observations

Class of 2009 IB testing results

- 20 of 24 full diploma candidates earned IB diplomas
- This reflects an 83% pass rate (U.S. average is 76%)
- 60% of seniors took at least one IB course

Two Parent Info Nights in September – September 2 and 9

- In 2009 had < 10 applications submitted
- 60+ applications submitted during same time period

Minutes of the August 5 meeting were approved as submitted.

Campus Ministry – Scott McNamee

- Activities underway: Senior letters ready and senior retreats set.
- Introduced Katie Sahm – will assist in Campus Ministry. Katie will organize March for Life January 20-23, 2010.

President Report – Joan Eicher

- Thank you for all the cafeteria coverage! And special thanks to Laura Burton for coordinating.
- A tent procedure has now been instituted – 9 -10x10 tents may be signed out.
- Teacher Wish List – A new idea to show appreciation to the teachers and/or staff. Requested items to be donated by parents.
 - *Current wish list item – outdoor furniture for small outside patio – fulfilled.*

Treasurer Report – Karen Corken

- No report. See attached.

Committee Reports

Golden Eagle Snack Stand – Maureen Witt and Jenny Ney

- Up and going well.
- Many volunteers!
 - Staffed with 2 people
 - Sub list will be created and sent out
 - Great opportunity for freshman parents

Business Incentive – Carolyn DeFelippis

- See attached for details: Target, Marsh, Meijer, Campbell soup labels, recycle inkjet cartridges, Office Depot, old electronics.
 - Suggested to list opportunities in Guerin Updates and to disseminate info in multiple Updates – too much info will not be read.
- Joan Eicher to follow up with Jenny Ney regarding Sam's Club monthly donation/grant opportunities.

New Parent Coffee – Barb Gallina

- Held August 17 – well received and attended. See attached report.

- Much discussion!!
- Items for further review and follow up:
 - Add a Spring coffee for incoming families
 - January 25 coffee to include workshop options
 - Keep August coffee
 - Parent Mentoring – follow up with Chyrise King
 - Possible evening events, i.e. quarterly
 - Possible Kokomo events

Campus Ministry Retreat Assistance – CMRA – Barb Gallina

- Working with Campus Ministry Team
- Will make known needs for assistance, i.e. food for retreats
- Several Bible study opportunities announced
 - The Bible Timeline at St. Elizabeth Seton
 - Matthew at St. Elizabeth Seton
- One-on-One Club – praying during Eucharistic Adoration
 - 1st Friday of the month
 - Sign up circulated
 - Being Catholic is not a requirement

Used Book/Uniform Sale – Kim Santucci and Suzi Swanson

- Parents donated unsold uniforms and spirit wear to Worn Again – Guerin's clothes closet.
- Used books available to purchase throughout the year.

Staff Appreciation – Patty Lindley and Cindy McCune

- Provided food for Back-to-School Night – Great idea and much appreciated!
- September 14 will be a committee meeting.
- Communication thru email.

Miscellaneous Business

During New Parent Coffee report, discussion related to improving parent communication. Ideas included:

- Send out PG agenda ahead of meeting
- Using available technology – possible web feeds for meetings

Dad's Day Breakfast

- September 18 --- Speaker Bishop Higi
- RSVP to Cathy Dolan by September 11

Guerin Games

- September 27 @ Guerin
- Community building opportunity
- Proceeds to Athletic Dept.

Next PG meeting is on October 7 @ 9 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Upcoming Events:

Dad's Day Breakfast – September 18

Guerin Games – September 27

Progress Report Night – September 30

Next Parent Guild meeting – October 7

Open House – November 15

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Baker
Secretary