

Parent Advisory Board Meeting 4/6/17

Present: Tracee Beck, Martina Castle, Susan Connelly, Jason Cox, Jayne Gaspari, Maimee Gomez, Kyle Groos, Veronica Houston, Dan Johnson, Kristin LeGrand, Karen Mikuska, Kathryn Muller, Anne Nelson, Kerry Olson, Tom Polak, Kristin Ripperda, Stephanie Spader, Nancy Tapken-Mor & Jackie Shotkoski. Guest Speaker – Kelly Jones.

Welcome & Prayer

Kelly Jones

Retreat Day – Seniors – Tools moving forward into college

Awareness Day Update – Thursday, April 13th:

- θ Keynote – What We Saw
 - News clip from Steubenville – town divided
 - Whole school will see this
 - Discussion will follow for each grade level about how it impacts you, your feelings and how to support your friends, etc.

- θ Freshmen & sophomores will then have a junior achievement speaker on Ethics and discuss new scenarios with their advisors
- θ Freshmen will have Doug Scholten (Dells St. Mary 2011 graduate) as their guest speaker after JA
 - Doug will speak out about his life starting with drugs and involvement in a drug robbery that ended in murder to where he is now.
- θ Sophomores will take part in the University of Michigan survey. This survey is a two year commitment and this is our last year.
- θ Juniors will have two guest speakers: 1st one is Doug Scholten and 2nd one is Angela Drake.
 - Angela's daughter was the hockey player from Tea that committed suicide last year, and she will talk about Suicide Awareness
- θ Seniors will watch the documentary “Hunting Ground” – lasts about 40 minutes
 - Theology Department and Sr. Advisors will facilitate this discussion
 - This documentary talks about going to college, sexual assault, and taking it to the college administrators
 - Title 9 coordinators from colleges in the area will then speak about how not to be in the situation to get raped, how to avoid the whole situation and how to report it to the college administrators
 - The students will be broken into four groups alphabetically with the college coordinators, Theology department, and advisors.
- θ Parents are welcome to attend the ‘What We Saw’ play and the ‘Hunting Ground’ documentary.

International Students:

- Need hosting families for next year
- One new senior boy coming from China – he has spent the last two years in the USA
 - His name is Runzhe Liu
 - He is a soccer player
 - He has lived with host families before and speaks English

Staff Update:

- Show Choir – Lindsey Ussery from Nebraska
- Nick Tunge – will be stepping away – Teresa Mead will take his place
- Xavier Pastrano – will be going to Lincoln to teach.
- Skye Borg – will be teaching English, World Geography & Speech in a new created position
- Jordan Huska – will be teaching in Dell Rapids – his position is being advertised
- Jon Konz – will be moving to Chicago – his position is being advertised
- Alex Anderson – will be the new Assistant Principal – his position will be advertised
 - He will oversee the SFCS Academic Services committee

Barnes & Noble Book Fair:

- Will only be one day in the store – 4/22
- Will be able to order online from 4/22 to 4/27
- AP & Advanced class books – reading assignments for summer
- All proceeds come back to us in a gift card to purchase more books for the English department
- Summer list & English wish list are attached
- We will send out an email tomorrow to parents and then again after Easter
- Parents can donate books from students that have graduated
- This information will be posted on our Facebook page
- You can purchase gifts for Mother's Day and Graduation

Fundraising: One-Time Fun Time

- Educational letter with goals for Fall 2018
- Knight Drive is all gone
- May through October 15th
- Primer letter will be sent out in May
- Only fundraiser going forward

Parent Advisory Board:

- Kyle created the rotation and terms when he first started the board
- We have openings every year to keep rotating parent through.
- If you would like to stay on, let's wait to see if we hear from anyone else first and then if we can't fill the position, then you can sign up again
- We already have a name for St. Katharine Drexel's opening
- There is a sample write up for the parish bulletin's in the agenda, take it to your priest and ask him to put it in the bulletin starting on Easter Sunday for 3 or 4 weeks. Need to paraphrase what will work for your parish's bulletin
- The responsibilities are attached.
- Talk to other parents and do follow-ups
- We have 12 new priests coming into the diocese.
- We really appreciate all members of the board.

Staff Appreciation Week – May 1st through May 5th:

- The previous year's schedule is attached to the agenda
- The previous year's email sent out to parents is attached to the agenda
- OG will supply all the plates, bowls and napkins

Senior Dance:

- April 22nd
- 7:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- CJ Callaways

NHS Mass & Ceremony:

- April 12th
- 8:15 a.m.
- Lorang Theatre
- Inductees will be on stage
- NHS President will provide a speech while NHS Vice President will present names, and the Secretary & Treasurer will hand out awards

Track Invite:

- May 5th
- No classes in session
- Faculty/staff are working that day in the classroom and at track invite

Graduation:

- Diploma covers with congrats cards inside
- Actual diplomas will be available on Tuesday, May 23rd in the office
- Patrick Frankman along with other photographers will take the graduation pictures – they usually takes 3 to 4 for each student and put in dropbox for parents
- Available to print
- Mass/Ceremony takes about 2 ½ hours

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 9th at 11:30 a.m.

O’Gorman High School Parent Advisory Board (PAB)

Purpose:

The purpose of this board is to discuss various programs, events, topics, and to provide input, and be a “sounding board” to the principal. Each parent advisory member will be asked to communicate back to his or her parishes and to serve as a communication vehicle to and from O’Gorman High School.

Responsibilities will include but not be limited to:

- Serve as a sounding board and provide feedback to OGHS Principal.
- Provide discussion, input and feedback on various topics, programs and issues.
- Communicate to his or her parishes and to serve as a communication vehicle to and from O’Gorman High School.
- Serve as a liaison between parents and administration.
- Attend monthly meetings at OGHS (currently scheduled during the noon hour - i.e. 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.)
- Inform appropriate parish and community members about your role as a representative on the Parent Advisory Board (e.g., church bulletin, Knightletter, Web Page etc.).
- Welcome new families (transfer & incoming freshmen) to the OGHS community. (Placing phone calls, answering questions & connecting with new families)
- Select a Prayer Card and pray for individual faculty members.
- Organize snacks/meals for teachers during parent-teacher conferences.
- Assist with the incoming freshmen recruitment process.
- Organize snacks for teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week (1st Week of May).

Committee Members:

- There will be a maximum of 3 representatives from each of the following: St. Michael, St. Therese, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, Christ the King, St. Lambert, St. Katharine Drexel and Cathedral of St. Joseph. We will also have 2 members-at-large (represents other faith denominations).
- Representatives will serve for a period of 3 years.
- At the end of the 3-year period, the representative will notify their parish priest/community of an opening on the P.A.B. and submit an ad (e.g., parish bulletin and word of mouth).
- Individuals interested in serving on the Board can submit their name to their parish priest. The parish priest will make a recommendation to O’Gorman’s principal by July 1st.
- Members-at-large will submit their names to O’Gorman’s principal for consideration. The principal will consult with current members at-large to identify parents who may be interested in serving.

[A Sample Ad posted each Spring in the parish bulletin]

PARENT ADVISORY

Job Description:

An opportunity to visit with O’Gorman’s principal once a month. The focus of the meetings is to discuss various events, topics, provide input, and to be a “sounding board” to the principal. However, the parent advisory board is a non-policy making board. Each parent advisory member will be asked to communicate back to his or her parishes and to serve as a communication vehicle to and from O’Gorman.

Meeting – Time & Place:

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (done before 1 p.m.)

Place: Conference Room @ O’Gorman (Administration office)

Typically, meet 2nd or 3rd Thursday of each month (TBD @ August’s meeting)

Process:

Limited openings at each parish

Submit names to parish priest by July 1st

Parish priest will provide their selection to O’Gorman Principal

To be notified by the end of July/Early August

For additional information please contact:

Your parent advisory representative or

Kyle L. Groos, O’Gorman Principal @ 336-3644 or E-mail: kgroos@sfcss.org

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week 2017:

The email requesting help for Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week will be sent out on April 19th. A reminder will go out on the 26th. Non-perishable items and monetary donations can be brought to the school office in advance.

The following will be set up in the three workroom locations throughout the week.

Monday – Bagels, Fruit & Juice: Kerry Olson & Connie Scott will organize this.

Tuesday – Baked Treats: Tracee Beck & Nancy Tapken-Mor will coordinate. Kristin LeGrand will help assemble trays that morning.

Wednesday – Meat, Cheese & Crackers: Jayne Gaspari will be the contact.

Thursday - A meal is catered by the OGHS Administration for the staff. Donated gift cards will be raffled off to the staff. (Qdoba)

Friday – Popcorn & Candy: Karen Mikuska will coordinate.

Beverages (All Week): Maimie Gomez will coordinate drinks for the entire week. Kristin LeGrand will provide a large cooler to use in the admin work room.

Gift cards (for Thursday): Veronica Houston & Anne Nelson will take care of gift card donations for prizes.

Dear Parents:

It's almost time for **Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** (May 1st – May 5th). The Parent Advisory Board is looking for volunteers to help provide the items listed below throughout the week.

If you would like to help by **Baking, Buying or Making a Donation**, please contact any of the board members listed below to find out how you can help with your time, talent or treasure.

Bagels, Fruit & Juice - contact Kerry Olson kerryb@sio.midco.net or Connie Scott conniescott2228@gmail.com (Monday, May 1st)

Baked Treats – contact Tracee Beck tbeck95@msn.com or Nancy Tapken-Mor tapken.family@msn.com (Tuesday, May 2nd)

Meat & Cheese & Crackers – contact Jayne Gaspari jandjgaspari@sio.midco.net (Wednesday, May 3rd)

Staff Luncheon – provided by administration (Thursday, May 4th)

Popcorn & Candy – contact Karen Mikuska kmikuska@hotmail.com (Friday, May 5th)

Beverages – (cans/ bottles of pop, water, tea, Gatorade) – contact Maimee Gomez mjkgomez@sio.midco.net (These are provided throughout the week so a larger quantity is needed.)

Gift Cards – Cash or Gift Cards will be used for teacher/staff gifts & prizes. Contact Veronica Houston vhouston62@yahoo.com or Anne Nelson nelson5005@gmail.com if you have any questions. We will need these donations by Tuesday, May 2nd.

Please Note: Beverages and other non-perishable items, gift cards and monetary donations for any of the above may be brought to the school office in advance.

Thank you for your help and consideration.
The O’Gorman Parent Advisory Board

4/7/17