

**St. Gabriel the Archangel  
Parish Board of Education  
Public Summary January 2019**

---

**This is a summary of Board of Education meetings/activity from June through December 2018.**

**Technology Update:** Year three of the technology plan has started with upgrades to the wifi in the school, continued investment in Smart Boards and related equipment, as well as the introduction of a virtual reality system which was funded by a grant obtained by our technology teacher, Nicolle McKinlay. Additionally, several faculty members have attended Google training. Two have gone on to become Google Level 1 certified educators. This training creates new opportunities for faculty to engage students in the classroom in a variety of ways.

The Board, along with Principal McEnery, Anne Pingel (Technology Coordinator) and Nicolle McKinlay (Technology Teacher), is currently updating the technology plan in order to adapt it to rapidly changing technology with an emphasis on how to better integrate technology into the classroom as a tool to enhance learning. Progress thus far has solidified the base in terms of hardware and now the school will continue to support this while shifting to investments that benefit the instruction and classroom experience. The Board plans to share the updated plan with everyone in the spring of 2019.

As has been the case in prior years, all technology fees collected are invested in hardware, software, support, and professional development. Of the student technology fees in 17-18, approximately \$100,000 was invested in hardware (Chromebooks, Smartboards, speakers, projectors, printers - including a 3D printer and other items). The balance of funds, together with a generous donation from the Holy Name Society, were utilized for software and the school's share of the technology coordinator salary. Technology fees collected for each student continue to be managed in a separate account within the school budget.



### ***Donor Update: St. Gabriel the Archangel Auction 2018, Fund A Need***

**Safety and Accessibility:** As a result of generous donations to the Fund A Need at the 2018 St. Gabriel auction--totaling over \$60,000- **S.A.F.E (Safe and Accessible for Everyone)** has moved forward in several ways. New stair lifts were installed in the school, improving options for mobility to the gym and north wing of classrooms. These areas are not accessible by the elevator. New cameras with video capabilities have been installed in both the church and school building. Lighting has been updated around the school and church property. Lighting in the parking lot and alley was changed to LED lighting for improved energy efficiency and longevity. The school and church buildings also have updated LED lighting. Separate accounts are maintained for Fund A Need to ensure monies go directly for which it was raised.



**Fundraising:** The Board has worked with Margie Uxa, Scrip Coordinator, to implement new marketing efforts for the Scrip fundraising program. It serves as a means for parishioners and school families to donate to the school. Monies raised have been approved to support curriculum and professional development goals at the school for the 2018-19 school year. Program structure will be evaluated during budget and tuition setting in the spring. We thank all families; school and parish, for participation in this program.

**New School Positions for 2018-19:** The school nurse and part-time literacy coordinator have been added this year. The literacy coordinator is advancing reading and writing programming through work with faculty, administration and students. This literacy initiative is directed towards programming in all grades. The newly created school nurse position is in place and filled by Melissa Ciegel, RN. She is serving ongoing medical needs for our school of nearly 500 students, serves as a resource for parents and faculty, and manages all related records and programming.

**Finance:**

The subsidy from the parish to the school for the 2017-18 fiscal year was \$270,000. It is anticipated the subsidy will be close to \$400,000 for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Shifts in student enrollment, employee health care costs, and the addition of new positions to enhance programming are main factors contributing to the higher subsidy.

**Uniform Provider:**

The contract with the current uniform provider, Just Me Apparel, is ending with the 2018-19 school year. Several parents had reached out to board members and administration with uniform and uniform provider questions. After evaluation and comparison of provider options, it has been decided to begin working with Catholic Supply as the uniform supplier in the 2019-20 school year. Further details will be coming this spring. Catholic Supply offers a program that donates to St. Gabriel the Archangel with nearly all purchases made through St. Gabriel's online link to Catholic Supply.

**Policy Update:** One change has been made to the uniform policy. The date related guidelines for uniform code related to when students can wear uniform shorts has been suspended for now. Students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather.

**General:**

Four new members were welcomed to the board in June of this year. The new members are: Mary Beth Wolf, Dave Hahn, Patrick McGinnis, and Joyce Bytnar. All board members attend an Archdiocesan training session upon appointment to the board. The election process for the 2019-20 academic year will occur in late spring 2019.

Board members have completed Clifton Strengthsfinder to enhance how we work together and facilitate use of each member's strengths to reach board goals.

The board is continuing to work with other parish organizations through the parish Joint Leadership meetings to facilitate cross organization communication and to identify common goals.

**Looking Ahead:**

**Parent Survey:** Look for a parent survey for school families in the spring of 2019.

**Open House:** Plan to visit the St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic School Open house on January 27, 2019 between 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we kick off Catholic Schools Week. Tours will be available for parishioners and prospective families. All classrooms will be open to visit.

**Middle School Initiative:** St. Gabriel the Archangel has been fortunate to have many faculty members, administrators and several board members step forward to work on an initiative to maximize the middle school experience for all stakeholders; faculty, students, parents, and parishioners. Early planning includes discussion on meeting our school tagline of "Developing the Whole Child" and research on middle school programming. Its first formal outreach occurred in December with a parent and faculty survey based on researched core components of strong middle school programs. Students will also be surveyed as the committee works through the process. The full committee held its kick off meeting on January 4, 2019.

**The Board meets on the third Thursday of every month. Meetings are closed sessions, but an Open Forum is available for parents and parishioners who are interested in sharing a topic for consideration. Please feel comfortable to reach out to board members with questions and thoughts. All such topics must be provided in writing prior to the meeting and should include at least one solution for consideration. Please contact Cori Sallaberry at [coricastellano@gmail.com](mailto:coricastellano@gmail.com)**

2018-19 Parish Board of Education

Cori Sallaberry (President), Mary Pat Carl (Vice-President), Kristin Busch (Secretary), Joyce Bytnar, Katie French, Dave Hahn, Cherie Massmann, Patrick McGinnis, Steve Schlitt, Tim Tynan, Gary Wells, Mary Beth Wolf

Tonya McEnergy (Principal), Deborah DaLay (Assistant Principal), Msgr. Shamleffer (Pastor)