

Board Notes ... August-September 2006

from the GPCS board of directors

Welcome to the first issue of "Board Notes".

The purpose of this newsletter is to let you know what issues the GPCS board is dealing with and to let you know specifically how you can pray for and help the school.

How we spent our summer vacation:

Even though most of the staff and teachers got some well deserved time off during the summer months, the GPCS board and the working committees were busy preparing for the new school year. Here are some highlights of the summer and September board related activities:

- A Human Dignity policy was proposed and reviewed.
 - We lost our treasurer – Donna Henderson – to a long term missions project with Samaritan's Purse.
 - Our target/expected enrollment was 190 students but our actual day-1 enrollment was 175.
 - The impact of lower than expected enrollment was assessed and budget cuts recommended by the Finance committee were approved. This lower enrollment has created a budget shortfall/gap. There will be exit interviews done for families who did not re-enroll this year.
 - The Education Committee interviewed candidates for a Tech-ed position and made a hiring recommendation to the board. The board decided to put the position on hold due to lower enrollment.
 - The Development Committee worked on plans for the 2006-2007 school year and communicated them to the board. Some of the planned activities are:
 - The annual fund drive.
 - Sponsoring a Tree63 concert on November 25 at the South Portland Church of the Nazarene.
 - Writing and Submitting grant proposals.
 - A variety of projects to promote the school.
 - The Facilities committee has hired a new almost-full-time janitor for the school.
 - An emergency response plan was proposed, approved, and the staff received training on it.
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Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and direction for how to deal with the lower enrollment budget challenges.
- A replacement treasurer for the school
- A blessed school year for all of the students and faculty.