

# Father McGivney Catholic High School



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## Fr. McGivney Catholic High School Committee Summary (based on April 2009 Board Meeting)

**Board President**, Doug Villhard congratulates all the volunteers that made the kickoff event so successful on April 26. We are looking forward to several key receptions this summer leading into the public phase of the campaign this fall. We continue to work to establish new committees this summer and fall; including athletics, fine arts, recruitment, and finance.

The **Faith Formation Committee**, chaired by Fr. Tom Meyer, is initiating 5 new subcommittees for the duration of the upcoming summer. The sub-committees are described as: 1.) Research & Creation of a Fr. McGivney "House Model" similar to Chaminade H.S. and St. James Academy, 2.) Vision/Policy for Community Service based on the motto "Serving the Culture of Life", 3.) Theology Curriculum, 4.) Faculty Formation - identify resources for providing regular faith formation for faculty, and 5.) Director of Faith Formation - creation of job description.

Dr. Chris Wangard, chair of the **Site Selection Committee**, states that the committee continues to negotiate the terms of annexation of our site to the Village of Glen Carbon. This will allow access to their nearby water and sewer facilities. The principles of the agreement are in place but the details will need approval of the Village Board and the McGivney Board. We are also working on assisting the County and Village in seeking a federal grant to improve Old Troy Rd., which would enhance access to the site and improve the safety of our students and families commuting to FMCHS.

The **Design and Building Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Beth Wilson and Gregg Korte, continues to meet monthly with the architects. The floor plan is 100% complete and they are beginning the design development phase. In this phase, the design is sent to engineers for further development in the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and civil areas. This phase should take about 3-4 months.

The **Capital Campaign Steering Committee**, chaired by Maureen Wangard, is pleased with the outcome of the kickoff event in April. We had a good turnout and are excited to have had the opportunity to share McGivney with the public. The capital campaign will be ongoing as we continue to meet and foster relationships with potential level 1 donors. Maureen continues to meet personally with donors.

The **Receptions Committee** is working on plans for three receptions during the weekend of May 16/17 and one reception on June 6. The committee continues to work on follow-ups with previous guests and is in contact with two individuals who have expressed interest in hosting a reception.

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Work on the Public Phase of the campaign is beginning and will be seen publicly in the fall. The phase will approach the local Catholic community as a whole. We are working on finding chairpersons for the capital campaign from each feeder parish and school. We will speak individually with each pastor to discuss his preferences for approaching his parishioners as a group.

The Curriculum Committee which is chaired by Mike Palmer had their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The committee was briefed on the adoption of the new diocesan-wide writing standards. In addition, each subject area met to discuss specific classes and was asked to submit a list of courses and course track. A first draft course catalog will be available in Oct/Nov.

The Bridging the Cost to Educate (or GAP) Committee completed an eight year budget for the school. They plan to send it to current high school principals for review and feedback.

Diane Villhard, chair of the PR/Marketing Committee, updates on the work completed by the committee for the kickoff and additional publicity. Their work includes: 1.) the new mascot video which was shown at the kickoff, 2.) a new brochure that will also be used this summer and fall, 3.) the bulletin announcements and press release printed in April and 4.) kickoff bookmarks, flyers, prayer cards and giveaway items. The committee has a timeline for determining school mascot and colors. The timeline will begin with submissions during the summer months, voting in the fall and the announcement in November.

The PR/Marketing committee continues work on updating the website and online promotion opportunities are being researched and implemented. The committee is also organizing all summer festivals, picnics and dinners where FMCHS can have a presence. The April press release resulted in a TV and radio appearance by Doug Villhard on FOX2 and KTRS 550 on April 24.

The next Board meeting will be on May 28, 2009 at 7pm at the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School office in Edwardsville.

