

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

Board President, Doug Villhard is happy to share that we are rolling right along in the new year with several successful capital campaign receptions. Our committees continue doing great work. We are looking to form the following committees in the upcoming months: finance, athletics, recruitment, board transition, fine arts and activities, and sponsored formation events. We are looking forward to the public kickoff event in April. We are planning a McGivney All Committee Meeting on March 31 at St. John Neumann in Maryville. At this meeting, committee updates will be given by the committee chairs. We will also explain the new committees that will be forming.

The **Faith Formation Committee**, chaired by Fr. Tom Meyer, is beginning to work on the Theology Curriculum. The committee also discussed feedback they received from Fr. Chuck Edwards who attended the January meeting. Fr. Edwards shared his experiences of providing faith formation to teenage students in Catholic high school and youth ministry. The committee also began discussing the faith formation program at St. James Academy in Lenexa, KS. A visit to SJA was made by 8 board members on Feb 11th. We are exploring which elements of faith formation at SJA we would like to include at FMCHS.

Dr. Chris Wangard, chair of the **Site Selection Committee**, will be meeting with the Village of Glen Carbon to further negotiate the annexation agreement. We are dependent on their agenda, but anticipate a meeting in March. Village officials remain very positive and excited. In addition, we anticipate closing on the property in late March. The Diocese will make the purchase and transfer land to FMCHS at the appropriate time. The Site Selection committee expects to transition into the Government Relations committee in the near future.

The **Design and Building Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Beth Wilson and Gregg Korte, meet monthly with the architects. This month the committee reviewed revised floor plans, an alternate site plan, and finishes for the chapel, labs, classrooms, gym, etc. The budgetary needs of the project were also reviewed.

The **Capital Campaign Steering Committee**, chaired by Maureen Wangard, is working with the PR/Marketing committee to plan the capital campaign kickoff event on April 26. The event will allow the community to learn about the school, get their questions answered, and spread positive information about FMCHS in their parishes and grade schools. The kickoff is more of a PR event in the sense that its purpose is to provide information to the Catholic community about the high school.

The **Prospect Review Committee** continues the process of meeting individually and fostering relationships with potential level 1 donors.



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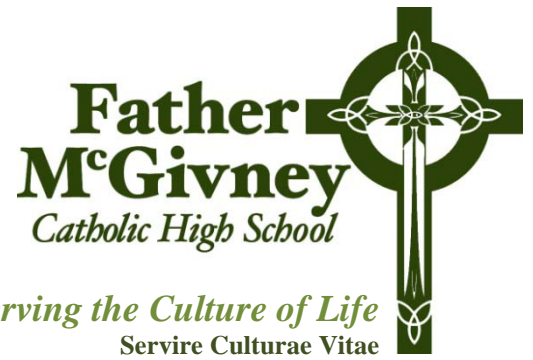
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The Receptions Committee continues to plan and host receptions in the area. We have had 4 receptions and have 5 other confirmed hosts. The receptions are designed to share information about the new high school and ask for support. The host invites individuals they feel are interested in learning about and supporting the school. We have in attendance individuals who can donate between \$5,000 and \$75,000, depending on the event. Guests are told they will be contacted about making a pledge. We continue to follow-up with guests from the receptions we have had while planning future receptions.

As stated last month, Diane Villhard will now chair the PR/Marketing Committee per the recommendation of the Board upon Luke Harris' resignation. Diane had previously chaired this committee before her maternity leave last year. The PR/Marketing Committee defined its primary areas of focus for 2009. Until the April 26th Campaign Kickoff event, the committee's focus will be on supporting the Campaign Kickoff Committee. Beyond April, recruiting and school image will also be areas of focus. We were excited to see local newspapers (including the *Catholic Times*) run a photo and article on the Luber Family Chalice donation to FMCHS. The *Catholic Times* also ran a column by Fr. Tom Meyer about FMCHS in the Catholic Schools Week issue. In that same issue, FMCHS was featured, along with our seven area feeder grade schools, in a full-page ad.

The PR/Marketing committee continues work in several areas including 1.) new bulletin announcements; new informational messages will start running in March parish bulletins and school newsletters. Each announcement will focus on an aspect of FMCHS and include a "Save the Date" reminder for the FMCHS Capital Campaign Kickoff on April 26th. 2.) promotional giveaway items; bookmarks, window clings, pens, magnets, etc. are being designed for the kickoff. An embroidered FMCHS logo is being finalized for spirit wear and will soon be available for purchase. 3.) school mascot and colors; a timeline was finalized for rolling out submissions, voting, and announcements. Until the announcement, guidelines have been established for using/printing the FMCHS name/logo. 4.) campaign office signage; a new adhesive solution will be used for the banners at the FMCHS office.

A new committee that has been formed is **Bridging the Cost to Educate (or GAP)**. This committee has been tasked to look specifically at each line of the 8-year proposed budget for the school. We are meeting weekly through March to arrive at our best estimate of the cost to educate. When the budget is completed we will split into two committees: the finance committee and a finance sub-committee with a focus on how to bridge the gap between the cost to educate and tuition.



Also forming is the **Curriculum Committee** which will be chaired by Mike Palmer. The committee will meet March 23rd at FMCHS office.

The next Board meeting will be on March 26, 2009 at 7pm at the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School office in Edwardsville.

