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

Board President, Doug Villhard states that we continue to make great progress in our planning of McGivney. In preparation of the April Kickoff event we are working hard to shore up as many pledges as possible. We plan to announce our capital campaign progress to date at the event. We are also working hard to create new committees with the influx of volunteers that we are encountering. And, of course, we are excited to close on the land this month. It's a very fast-paced time for the campaign at this moment.

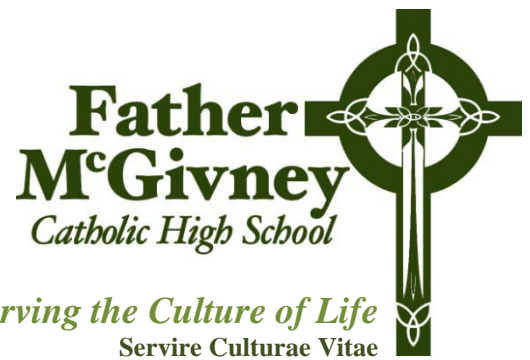
The **Faith Formation Committee**, chaired by Fr. Tom Meyer, did not meet this month due to the Lenten Season. The next committee meeting will be April 16.

Dr. Chris Wangard, chair of the **Site Selection Committee**, is happy to announce that we closed on the site on March 31. He continues to work with the Village of Glen Carbon; ironing out the details of the annexation agreement.

The **Design and Building Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Beth Wilson and Gregg Korte, met with the architects at the beginning of March. They believe the floor plan is 100% complete; therefore the schematic design phase is almost finished. The design development phase will come next. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineers were at the meeting to discuss heating/cooling alternatives. We are considering geothermal heating/cooling. While the upfront costs are more, the subsequent monthly costs are ½ as much as conventional heating/cooling. So this alternative is worthy of a closer look. The committee also discussed wireless IT communications throughout the school and security systems.

The **Capital Campaign Steering Committee**, chaired by Maureen Wangard, is finalizing plans for the capital campaign kickoff event in April. The afternoon will be filled with fun activities for kids while allowing adults to learn about the plans for McGivney. We are excited to have support from parish youth groups and elementary school bands and choirs. We are also pleased to announce that Jason and Lorrie Isringhausen have agreed to be our honorary chairpersons and Mrs. Isringhausen will speak at the event.

As stated in previous summaries we continue to use three ways to raise money for the school: **Prospect Review** meets individually with potential level 1 donors. A couple successful meetings were held this past month and one additional meeting is on the calendar.



The Receptions Committee continues to plan and host receptions in the area. We continue to work on follow-ups with guests from previous receptions. We have a reception scheduled for June 6 and we are working on the details with 3 additional confirmed hosts; including an open invitation reception for Mother of Perpetual Help and St. John Neumann families in May. The committee is also contacting three individuals who have expressed interest in hosting a reception.

The Public Phase of the campaign 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 plan to speak individually with each pastor to discuss his preferences for approaching his parishioners as a group. The approach at each parish will be done in coordination with the pastor, hence the way we approach the local Catholic population will be different in each city because the approaches will be tailored to each pastor's wishes.

Also forming is the Curriculum Committee which will be chaired by Mike Palmer. The committee met on March 23rd at the FMCHS office. The members had a chance to discuss the curricula of four established high schools (Althoff, Marquette, Gibault, and St James Academy). The committee began an initial discussion of modular scheduling for the beginning years. The committee members were divided into specific subject areas for more detailed analyses. Ann Richard was proposed as our representative to the faith formation committee. The next meeting will be April 27.

The Bridging the Cost to Educate (or GAP) has met weekly during March. They are working to arrive at a best estimate of the cost to educate and establish an 8-year proposed budget for the school. Upon completion of the budget, plans remain to 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.

Diane Villhard, chair of the PR/Marketing Committee, stated that the new video for school mascot and colors has been completed. The video has received praise from the PR/Marketing Committee and the Board. It will be shown at the kickoff on the big screen, as well as running on a smaller screen at the mascot/colors submission booth at the kickoff. In addition, the committee is working hard to promote the kickoff event. They have distributed 'Save the Date' bookmarks to grade school students (Catholic school and PSR) at the beginning of April to be followed by a half-sheet flyer that will promote kickoff. The half-sheet flyers will also be distributed to area parishes for bulletin inserts in the middle of April. A press release will be distributed to area media on April 17th & April 22nd. PR/Marketing has also designed a new 8" x 14" four-panel campaign brochure. It will give "What/When/Where" information about FMCHS, as well as include our vision, mission, and pledge card. It will be ready for distribution at the public campaign kickoff, and will serve as a mailable piece and a handout at future events.

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The committee has also been working the following areas: 1.) new bulletin announcements; new informational messages will continue to run through the end of April. Each announcement focuses on an aspect of FMCHS and includes a "Save the Date" reminder for the kickoff. 2.) promotional giveaway items; the PR/Marketing Committee will be responsible for a "Give Me McGivney" t-shirt design, FMCHS window decals, and "Class of..." stickers. 3.) updating the website with new information gathered from PR/Marketing Committee members' interviews with the chairs of each committee. Among the new ideas for the website: new photos, periodic video interviews, committee updates, "How long will it take to get from my house to McGivney?" and "What FMCHS class am I?" 4.) online promotion; an FMCHS Facebook group and flair will be created and we will investigate creating a "Future McGivney Student" online blog. Another email newsletter will be sent prior to the kickoff; it will promote the kickoff, new information on the website, and information on new committees being formed. 5.) summer festivals; we are compiling a list of upcoming summer and fall festivals, homecomings, church picnics, and parish dinners where FMCHS can have a presence. Please send any upcoming events to diane@EdwardsvilleOnline.com so that we can add them to our calendar.

The next Board meeting will be on April 23, 2009 at 7pm at the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School office in Edwardsville.

