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McGivney**  
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Fr. McGivney Catholic High School Committee Summary (based on the October 2009 Board Meeting)

**Board President**, Doug Villhard states that this fall continues to be busy times for FMCHS. All committees are actively working on their goals. Our primary focus remains on major donations. We are beginning to seek resumes for initial staff positions and are finishing up the parish appeals.

Fr. Tom Meyer reports that most of the **Faith Formation** subcommittees continue work as previously reported however the "House Model" committee has, high school youth minister, Becky Bauerle (MPH) assisting the committee in incorporating youth ministry concepts into the House Faith Formation model. 2.) Community Service is working with the House Committee on establishing Service programs to be completed within the Houses. 3.) Theology Curriculum has completed the course descriptions for the eight required theology courses and has begun working on theology electives and cross-curricular courses. 4.) Faculty Formation has identified two online faculty faith formation programs: (a) Paul VI (St. Louis Archdiocese) and (b) Dayton University. They are evaluating these two programs. 5.) Director of Faith Formation (Job Description) has completed the first draft of this job description.

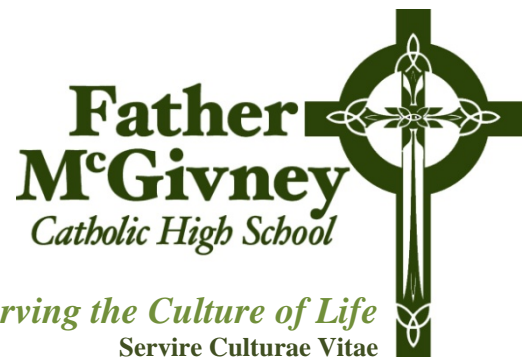
The **Government Relations (formally Site Selection) Committee**, chaired by Dr. Chris Wangard, has no updated information; they continue to work on the annexation agreement.

The **Design and Building Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Beth Wilson and Gregg Korte, continues to meet monthly but has no new information to report.

Maureen Wangard, **Capital Campaign Committee** chairperson, reports that the capital campaigns have been completed in all parishes except four; of those four, one is scheduled for the end of this month. We continue to work on getting in touch with donors who can make gifts at large levels. We have two receptions scheduled that will occur within the next 6 weeks, and we continue to look for more reception hosts. We are working to obtain written permission from all pastors to send a mailing to their parishioners asking for financial assistance for the campaign. A pledge card and brochure will be mailed in November.

The **Curriculum Committee**, chaired by Mike Palmer, has their next meeting scheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The final course descriptions will be discussed and a formal course catalog will be prepared from these descriptions.

The **Bridging the Cost to Educate (or GAP) Committee** has done extensive work done on the budget from now through first 8 years of the school. The next step is to confirm the ratios of income and expense lines to other area schools.



Diane Villhard, chair of the **PR/Marketing Committee**, states that the committee continues to focus on the "YOU Make It REAL" PR campaign; 6 areas of focus are Faith Formation, Athletics & Activities, Location, Fiscal Responsibility, Academic Excellence and Community. The 'REAL' campaign is also being supported with video updates.

McGivney mascot voting has started; over 100 suggestions were received and the final 4 are Golden Knights, Griffins, Patriots and Saints. To ensure future McGivney students get a chance to have a say in their high school mascot, a special voting website was designed for students and this voting will take place at their respective schools under the supervision of their teachers. The general public is invited to vote at our website from October 15<sup>th</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup> with the most popular mascot being submitted to the diocese for final approval. We hope to announce the winning mascot by the end of the year. A press release about the mascot voting was distributed and Jason Isringhausen promoted the mascot vote on the Fox 2 Morning Show on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We're working on preparing an article or two for *Columbia* magazine.

The committee continues to produce the *McGivney Matters* newsletters with October's issue inviting supporters to walk with McGivney in the Edwardsville Halloween parade. McGivney also is donating baskets to the grade schools hosting auction fundraisers this year; the baskets include McGivney spirit wear, Parish Priest book, and giveaways. Finally, McGivney has a Face Book fan page which is quickly gaining lots of fans and is serving as a great way to promote our day-to-day developments.

The **Athletic Committee** is on track to provide recommendation to the board by the end of the year.

The next Board meeting will be November 19, 2009 at 7pm at the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School office in Edwardsville.

