



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

Board President, Doug Villhard reports that we are underway with the public phase of the campaign as we make an appeal at all the area parishes this fall. We are on track to open onsite in the fall of 2011, but how much of the school we start with depends on how pledges come in through the end of the year. Our committees are hard at work and we are rolling right along.

Fr. Tom Meyer provides the following update on the subcommittees of the **Faith Formation Committee**:
1.) **"House Model"** is looking at the US Bishops document on Ministry to Youth entitled "Renewing the Vision". They are researching how we can implement this document into the House Faith Formation program. 2.) **Community Service** is working with House Committee on establishing Service programs to be completed within the Houses. 3.) **Theology Curriculum** has completed the course descriptions for the required theology courses and has begun working on theology electives. 4.) **Faculty Formation** has identified two online faculty faith formation programs: (a) Paul VI (St. Louis Archdiocese) and (b) Dayton University. They will be 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, continues to wait for the agreement with the Village for annexation to be signed. They are working out the details relating to the addendum for water main.

The **Design and Building Committee**, co-chaired by Mary Beth Wilson and Gregg Korte, spent time discussing Phase 1 of the building. They are exploring various options to breaking Phase 1 of the building into four phases. The committee spent time evaluating what parents want in a high school (academics, faith formation and extra curriculars where the top ideas; also included was safety and security) and factored those into the design options.

Maureen Wangard, **Capital Campaign Committee** chairperson, reports that the parish campaigns have been planned in all but two parishes and have already happened in four parishes. Once we have made appeals in all the parishes, we will conduct a mass mailing to all registered Catholics and all families who send their children to Catholic grade schools asking for donations. Talks with donors at the middle and upper levels are ongoing and receptions will continue to be held through the fall, winter, and next spring. To date we have raised \$1.5 million toward the building of the high school and \$1 million dollars for a scholarship endowment.

The **Curriculum Committee**, chaired by Mike Palmer, met on September 28th. The final list of classes was approved by the committee. The course descriptions are being prepared for the October meeting and



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include; Math, Science, Technology and Business. The committee is exploring any possible courses that could tie into the theology curriculum or could become cross-curricular with another discipline. They are also developing a “wish list” of possible courses to be added as the school grows or a teacher becomes available. The next scheduled meeting will be November 23rd and then they will go into recess until the principal is hired.

The **Bridging the Cost to Educate (or GAP) Committee** received input from one principal that will be used in reviewing our 8 year budget.

Diane Villhard, chair of the **PR/Marketing Committee**, states that the committee continues to focus on the 5 main areas they feel make McGivney most “real”; Faith Formation, Athletics & Activities, Location, Fiscal Responsibility and Academic Excellence.

We had a McGivney presence at summer festivals, picnics and dinners. We gave away lots of goodies and answered questions – thanks to all who staffed the booths! Now we will be putting together some items to donate to upcoming school auctions and events (i.e., McGivney spirit wear, giveaways, Parish Priest book, etc.).

The committee has started producing the “McGivney Matters”. A ½ sheet newsletter to be sent out to all area Catholic grade schoolers in August and September. We collected over 100 submissions for mascot and school colors. Once approved by the Board the top 3-5 will go on the McGivney website for public voting in the next week or two. This will coincide with an email newsletter. They are also planning for McGivney to have a presence in the Edwardsville Halloween Parade where we will be throwing out beads with a tag directing folks to our website where they can vote on the mascot/colors. The committee obtained press coverage of the Bank of Edwardsville \$50K donation which included the Alton Telegraph, Edwardsville Intelligencer, and Catholic Times.

The **Athletic Committee** is making great progress on a recommendation to the board regarding the athletics at McGivney. Some of the areas they are focused on include identifying initial sports to offer, field/facility options, plan for outdoor fields onsite, exploring area conference possibilities, forming a successful booster club, and establishing a timeline to hire an athletic director and coaching staff.

The next Board meeting will be October 22, 2009 at 7pm at the Fr. McGivney Catholic High School office in Edwardsville.