

Divine Mercy School Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 3, 2009
6:30 p.m. at Marquette Avenue Site

Attendees: J. Kalinowski (Principal), Father B. Betz, D. Myszewski (Chairperson), J. Kuettel (Co-Chair), J. Wielichowski (Co-Secretary), M. Kotz, D. Bachinski, and T. Snyder.

Public Comment: None

Principal's Report:

- Student Council had a successful Blood Drive with a total of 29 donors.
- Faculty meeting next Friday, December 11th will focus on Catholic Schools Week.
- The Open House held during Catholic Schools Week will be January 31st noon until 2:00 p.m. TOTS will be present to support their program. The Art Walk and Ice Cream Social will take place at the same time. The idea of selling used books and/or artwork is being discussed.
- Progress reports will be distributed on December 11th.
- Sixth Grade is planning the Sunday, December 20th School Mass at Marquette Ave.

Old Business:

- DM Connect – The parent suggestion to create a message board for parents to advertise products and services so we can support each other's businesses was discussed. A form was presented and discussed. A letter and the form will be sent in the weekly red folder in January. A website page PDF file with the listing will be posted. A paper copy of the list will be distributed on a quarterly basis depending on the response.

New Business:

- Open House for Catholic Schools will be discussed at the January meeting. Advertising banners were also discussed. A suggestion was made to make it generic so it can be used every year since it is always the last Sunday in January. A suggestion was made to also obtain a banner with the school name and logo to be used in parades and other events to promote the school. Cost estimates will be explored and shared at the next meeting.
- A Parent sent an e-mail to the School Committee and Parish Council about Privacy Concerns in response to Choir Letter sent in the weekly red folder. Chris Serpersky will be asked to respond.
- A suggestion was made to organize a rummage sale in March for school parents. The committee will explore this idea.

Sub Committee Reports:

Policy – No report.

Planning and Special Projects

- Members continue to send updates to the wish list. The website has a new copy as of December 2. If a purchase from the wish list is made, please email the School Committee at DMSchoolComm@archmil.org so it can be removed.
- Now that a second site has been chosen, estimates for a sign on Badger Avenue by George Webb will be revisited and reported on in January.

Marketing and Communications - No report.

Finance – Judy has met with Patty Bollis and Fr. Bob to talk about the budget and tuition costs for next year.

Spiritual Formation –

- The rest of the school mass schedule was shared with the committee. The dates are:
 - December 20 – 6th Grade
 - January 17 – 5th Grade
 - February 21 – 4th Grade

- March 21 – 8th Grade
 - April 18 – 7th Grade
 - May 16 – 6th Grade
- The dates will be published in the weekly newsletters to help parents plan to attend and show support for the school.
 - To encourage active faith development in our families, the committee will be publishing articles, Catholic “did-you-knows” and tips to help them explore their faith.

Parish Council Liaison

- Discussion centered around the Long Range Planning Committee’s recommendation to Council that College Ave be chosen as the second site. Pros and cons regarding the recommendation were discussed. Concensus was reached to accept the recommendation. The site was chosen and announced this past Sunday and published in the church bulletin.

Home and School Liaison

- Topics of discussion at the November H&S meeting consisted of setting goals on how to spend the money from fundraisers such as the golf outing. There was also discussion about the wish lists and how to encourage the teacher’s to use the \$300 for classroom supplies and needs.

Next Divine Mercy School Committee Meeting: Thursday, January 7, 2010 at Marquette Avenue Site, 6:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend but still like to submit a public comment, please e-mail our mailbox at dmschoolcomm@archmil.org. Please include you comments, ideas on how to resolve it and your name and phone number. Anonymous e-mails will not be shared with the group.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By J. Wielichowski (Co-Secretary)