

IHMCS ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF
January 6, 2009
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Attendees: Wendy Composto, Jim Cron, Tom Foley, Cheri Gardner, Jim Gilliam, Gerilyn Hausback, Stephanie Huss, Chris Makowske, Father David Ostrowski

Following an opening prayer, the December meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Committee for posting to the website.

- **Cheri gave the administrator's report:**
 - Enrollment increased to 288 vs. 287 in December.
 - Christmas concerts received great reviews from all involved. They are a tremendous showcase for the excellent IHMCS music program.
 - The second annual geography bee will take place on Monday, January 12.
 - The IHMCS spelling bee for grades 4-6 will take place on Monday, January 12.
 - The future city teams will compete on Saturday, January 24, at the University of St. Thomas.
 - Planning has begun for Catholic Schools Week.
 - Mid-trimester reports will be sent home on Friday, January 23.

- **Financial Update**
 - Jim Gilliam and Chris Makowske provided a preliminary financial report based on school year-to-date results through November. Enrollment of 297 is 13 students below budget, which has been offset somewhat by lower than planned operating cash. Cheri and her team are watching expenses carefully during this challenging economic period. The council asked a number of questions. A more detailed review is scheduled for February.

- **Development Update**
 - A discussion was held regarding the start date for the next IHMCS capital campaign. Father David and Cheri both support this action being initiated prior to the end of this school year. This capital campaign will be the first campaign in approximately five years.

Following a closing prayer the meeting was adjourned as there was no further business to conduct.