



IHMCS Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2005

Attending: Fr. Patrick Hipwell, Deann Speltz, Gina Musech, Ken Horst, Brad Cook, Cheri Gardner, John Goodrich, Jane Victorey, Terri Kemmerer, Tim Benz

Tim began the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from the February 10, 2005 meeting were approved. Tim will forward to Lori Foley to post on the website.

Principal's Report: Cheri updated the Council on registrations for the 2005-06 school year. As of today, we have 270 students registered. There are still several current families who have not turned in their applications. The numbers are ahead of last year's pace.

The 2-hour late start focused on mental health issues. Each faculty member received a copy of "A Teacher's Guide to Children's Mental Health."

Teacher observations are continuing. Cheri is conducting every observation.

Twenty-seven IHMCS students will be taking part in the Model United Nations at RiverCentre this weekend.

Finance: Finances remain very strong. Good control over costs has resulted in positive projections for the fiscal year. The 2005-06 budget is being developed. Approximately 85% of the budget is salaries and benefits.

Development: The campaign is nearing the end stages. Gina and Cary Musech will meet with Fr. Pat and Cheri to present the final campaign totals. The results will be published to the parish in early April. A long-term development plan will be formulated during the coming months.

Development is putting together another newsletter.

PR/Marketing: An advertisement will be going in the Eden Prairie News later in March. There has been an increased amount of web traffic and the committee continues to monitor where people are going on the website.

The committee is beginning to evaluate the programs and activity for the year. The committee is planning to hold a meeting and brainstorm “big picture” items to see what we can do within our budget availability.

Strategic/LR Planning: Brad has scheduled a meeting with Chuck Corliss, a busing consultant, on options for school transportation. We need to evaluate how much a transportation option has on current and future enrollment.

Policy: Terri reports all policies have been reviewed by the Archdiocesan attorney. Nine policies were deleted, since they are covered under the Justice in Employment Policy from the Archdiocese.

The evaluation and assessment tool was also distributed. This will be utilized to evaluate the various committees and Advisory Council, compared to our initial Charter and Constitution. Any comments on this document should be sent to Terri within a week. Final approval will take place in April. Several policies are still being developed.

At the April meeting, Terri and the Policy Committee will give a presentation on Code of Conduct. The Council should allot additional time at this meeting.

Home and School: Deann reports Bingo Bonanza was a huge success! The event had a net income of exactly \$10,000 – a 5 % increase over last year. Thanks to the committee for their great work. The IHMCS Carnival will be held April 9.

McDonald’s Night for March brought in \$263.00 – slightly above the average for the year.

Nominations are currently being taken for positions on the Home and School Committee.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2005 @ 6:00 p.m.