



IHMCS School Advisory Council Minutes November 16, 2006

Attendance: Cheri Gardner, Ann Olson, Wendy Composto, Kristin Stanley, Ted Ceglia, Sue Sullivan, Tim Benz

Principal's Report: Current enrollment is 321. Preschool enrollment remains at 35. Two students who came to IHMCS in September returned to their previous school. A new family will be starting after Christmas break. They have children in grades 5, 3, 1 and preschool.

The staff continues to work on the self-study portion of the accreditation. Molly Whinnery, principal of St. Mark's (St. Paul) has been named by MNSAA as chairperson for the site visit.

The Thanksgiving food drive was a tremendous success. Over 2000 pounds of food and \$500 was collected. This was donated to ICA Foodshelf.

Advent plans are underway, including prayer services, school-wide service project (Sojourner Shelter) and integrated into religion classes.

We continue to receive many inquiries from people who are relocating to the Hopkins area. Also, several calls have come in reaction to the proposed changes to the Hopkins school closings.

Finance: Ted reports the finances are in good shape. Tuition collections are running ahead of schedule, with more prepayments than originally planned. Expenses continue to be in line with budgets.

Most of the budgeted financial aid (\$30,000) has been used. There seems to be much more need this year than previous.

We will receive more information in December about tuitions rates across our deanery and other schools in our area.

Policy: No report

PR/Marketing: Wendy reports they are beginning to work on a new postcard for mailing to prospective families. They are also looking at several ideas to keep IHMCS in front of the community. Possible ideas are open houses for realtors, connecting with

relocation companies and having a single person responsible for getting press releases into local newspapers. This is an ongoing part of the overall plan.

Development: No report.

LR/Strategic Planning: The surveys are in the final stages and planning to mail by mid-December. The responses will give us important information to assist in developing the strategic plan.

Home and School: Sue reports Grand Celebration is ready to go. Attendance is around 325 currently, and the Fund a Need is already covered. The goal is \$95,000 for the event.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2006 @ 6:00 p.m.