



## **IHMCS School Advisory Council Minutes January 11, 2007**

**Attendance:** Cheri Gardner, Brad Cook, Jane Victorey, Wendy Composto, Ted Ceglia, Sue Sullivan, Kristin Stanley, Tim Benz

**Principal's Report:** Enrollment is at 329! We added eight students in grades 1-7 and two more to the preschool.

The Christmas Concerts were terrific. The Advent Service Project (Sojourner Shelter) was a success thanks to the generous response of our families.

Continued progress is being made on the Self-Study document. We have begun working on two more standards, Community Relations and Curriculum.

We have a student teacher, Ms. Taragos, from the College of St. Benedict. She will work in the Kindergarten class until March and then in junior high math until May.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade service project – Smile Network Fundraiser – is already surpassing their fundraising goal.

Catholic Schools Week is January 27-February 2. The CSW Committee has several activities planned for the week. It all kicks off with Bingo Bonanza.

**Finance:** Ted reports the budget is good and expenses are down. Grand Celebration is about \$2,000 ahead of last year. Ten percent of the net income from the event is dedicated to the Blessed Mother Scholarship Fund.

Ted distributed a spreadsheet of tuition rates of local schools. IHMCS rates are very comparable to schools in our area. Indications are most schools will increase an average of 7% for in-parish rates and 5.5% for non-parish rates. The recommendation from the Finance Council is to set rates at \$3,480 (in-parish) and \$4,640 (non-parish) for the 2007-08 school year, and increase of 5.5% for both segments. This recommendation will be brought to the Parish Finance Council for approval.

**Policy:** No report

**PR/Marketing:** Wendy reports the Pax Christi School Fair is on January 20-21, 2007. There will be five schools at the fair. Cheri will be in our booth for a good portion of the event.

Open House mailings are in the mail to the local area. Two Open Houses (January 28 and March 6) are scheduled.

Wendy will confirm with the Marketing Committee about our placement on search engines on the internet. This continues to be our best avenue for prospects looking for schools in the Hopkins/Minnetonka/Eden Prairie vicinity.

**LR/Strategic Planning:** Brad reports survey responses are very extensive and informational. Our overall response rate is more than 33%. It is close to 50% for school families and near 30% for parishioners with no children or children not at IHMCS. There has been a great amount of written commentary, which will be helpful in the process.

The next steps will be coding the responses and beginning to develop data and trends. We expect to have initial data in mid-February.

**Development:** No report.

**Home and School:** The Bingo Bonanza is January 27 and plans are well underway.

Home and School organized the faculty/staff Christmas Party on December 22 and it was a great time for everyone.

**Next meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.**