

School Committee Agenda
Jan. 6, 2010 6pm

Attendance: Fischer, Shaw, Schwartz, Sanchez, Tourtillott, Gleesing, Sowinski, Lee, Stoner

Absent: Fr. Bob, Brunow,

- Opening prayer—Regina Shaw
- Open forum...Catholic Schools Week begins January 31, Theme: Lessons for Life...Tentatively, Feb. 3rd will be Family Math Night, details to come...6th Grade Retreat January 28th at Tyme Out Center...8th Grade Musical: Directed by Jim Skiba, show to be named pending rights and royalties agreements, performance dates: May 7-9...All “club” dates are in Kid Mail. Kudos to the whole team that worked on “La Posada” Christmas Eve.

- Approval of December minutes...approved with requested revision.

- Parental concerns brought to members: A request was made that 8th grade parents send Mrs. Shaw a copy of their high school testing results

- Middle School Schedule (need a copy): Mrs. Shaw shared a copy for all members to look at.

- Sub. Committee reports

- Marketing

Advertising/open house ideas...A team is trying to get pictures of kids engaged in extra-curricular activities that will be placed into a power point to be used during Open House. 5000 post cards were sent out this week advertising our Open House. Signs for Open House are also posted on Burleigh and Lisbon. Students will speak at each mass that weekend.

Bulletin notice: Open House notice was placed in bulletin during Christmas season.

Sign: Laura Fischer is always looking for ideas for the front yard sign.

Mailing...5000 post cards went out this week.

Web site...still need help with re-designing and making it more user friendly.

- Finance

Budget concerns...A letter from Fr. Bob was sent to all parishoners regarding "Town Hall"...two positions were reduced to half time and one postion was reduced from 60% to 40% time...Some savings were also made from employees who offered to switch to their spouse's insurance. Mrs. Shaw and Fr. Bob will continue to work to reduce the remaining deficit.

- Curriculum

Survey results and discussion: The results from the survey were overwhelmingly on the positive side given responses. The majority of parents surveyed felt that the programs offered at MGC are rigorous and that academic/social/spiritual needs of children are being met.

Survey of teachers and students? Surveys for students are being worked on by Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Lichter.

- Building and Grounds

Parking...more studying of other parking/dismissal models will be done. Display board in family room...a bulletin board has been secured and just needs to be installed to the left of the thermostat "Family Room" at church.

- Exit surveys—need to be recreated. Contact former parents?

Playground supervision: Improvements noted, supervisors are monitoring better, equipment will be assessed...Mrs. Shaw will look into confidentiality issues and look to colleagues for their suggestions and input as to how they handle this.

FEBRUARY 3rd MEETING CANCELLED...Next Meeting: March 3rd.

- Closing prayer- Rick