

**Those Present:** John Chovanec, Bill Schenkelberg, Rob Reilly, Jon Sohn, Mindy Hughes, Sara Daggett, Brian Schreiber, and Father Dave. **Excused:** Mike Urban and Andy Orgovan. **Guests:** Armand Ruka, Parish Council Liaison to the School Board.

**Opening Prayer – Rob Reilly**

**Open Forum**

Nothing to report.

**Parish Update – Father Dave**

Advent grade school reconciliation went very well with the assistance of eight priests from around the Archdiocese. Fr. Dave received positive comments and extended his thanks to Julie Cucanato for playing the live music during the event. Fr. Dave also extended his thanks to Fr. Sean for coordinating the priests that assisted with the event.

Fr. Dave shared a picture of the Jesus and the Children statue that will be placed in the Prayer Gardens in 2012. This statue will be made possible by a generous donation of a Parish family. The unveiling and blessing of the shrine will occur upon receipt next year. Fr. Dave hopes that people, especially young people, within the Parish will find it an attractive addition to the Prayer Gardens.

Fr. Dave is excited about the Auction of 2012 and is most appreciative of the spirit of the co-chairs as well as all of those who have been involved with the volunteer and contribution efforts to make the auction a reality.

Fr. Dave distributed a book, Rediscovering Catholicism by Matthew Kelly. Copies of this book will be distributed at Christmas Masses due to the generous gift of Parish member Ron Mulvaney, who donated these books in honor of his late wife, Joan.

Seminarian Alex Guzman will be leaving St Dominic. Fr. Dave thanked Alex for bringing a cultural perspective to many, including the kids, at St. Dominic.

**Principal's Report – John Chovanec**

One K3 and one K4 student have been added within the last couple of weeks.

The Open House will be held on Sunday, Jan. 29th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Post cards and yard signs will be used to publicize the event. Postcards will be going to families in areas that have historically been pinpointed with the mailings. Ideas for information to include on the postcard were shared. Yard signs will have updated date stickers and will be placed in strategic locations throughout the area. Discussion ensued about the use of a banner. John will talk to Rich Harter or Meg Picciolo regarding the ability to place a banner on the new gym. Bill extended his thanks to Mary Jo Maslowski for her time and effort with helping coordinate the event. Pulpit announcements have been drafted and announcements will be included in the Bulletins. School Board members should plan to be available on Jan. 29 to assist with tours.

Registration for current families will run from Fri. Jan. 6 – Fri. Jan. 20. New family registration begins the day of the Open House, Jan. 29. The current registration form was distributed for review.

The School Board discussed potential budget considerations including an additional two days of a Technology Coordinator as well as a Curriculum Mapping pilot program for Grades 2, 4, and 6.

**Topic Discussion/Updates**

The event, Mothers and More, will take place at St. John Vianney on Jan. 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bill Schenkelberg distributed information for anyone who is able to help Mrs. Stich and Mrs. Kornacki that evening.

*To Seek Christ, Know Christ, and Become Christ, each one for the sake of all*

A majority of stewardship pledge cards from school families have been received. A letter, sent from the Parish directly to those who have not submitted a pledge card, will be sent out early in January. Completion of the pledge cards is required to assert Parish member status for tuition billing purposes and is critical because the pledge information is used to assist the Finance Committee with preparing the budget for the Parish and the School.

Given the upcoming deadlines for Blue Ribbon School application submission, Bill Schenkelberg shared his concern about the current draft being robust enough for a realistic chance at obtaining the award. It was suggested the School Board with assistance from faculty spend time this spring building a stronger application for submission in the 2012-2013 school year. The School Board requested John discuss the Blue Ribbon School project with the faculty and assess interest in faculty volunteers that would assist with application completion.

The school survey was distributed to school families. Bill Schenkelberg extended this thanks to Brian Schreiber and Sue Kahler for their help. The surveys are due Fri., Dec. 23 at 5:00 p.m. The goal is to publish the Survey results from the multiple choice questions by the end of the school year. Any comments included on the surveys will not be published. The School Board will consider keeping the survey open longer, since the week before Christmas is so busy.

### **School Board Committees**

#### **Catholic Identity (Mindy Hughes, Andy Orgovan, and Mike Urban)**

The application draft for the Exemplary award in Catholic Identity has been submitted to John Chovanec, Fr. Dave, and Bill Schenkelberg for review. The application is due on Jan. 6th. The compilation of the relevant information and completion of the application was truly a team effort.

Mindy Hughes shared Mike Urban's email update. Updates have been made to the Web site (e.g., St. Dominic Catholic School). The Committee is working on including a separate Catholic Identity page within the Web site. Web site changes will only be implemented upon approval of John Chovanec and Fr. Dave. Wendy Weinfurter, Guidance Counselor, will assist with Catholic Identity endeavors, such as the proposed Virtue and Saint of the Month program being designed.

Information for Service Projects has been distributed. Collection of the forms that document the students' understanding of the Service Program is now underway. Initial feedback has been positive.

#### **Academics (Rob Reilly and Jon Sohn)**

Rob Reilly distributed a comparison of Religion test scores which was completed in conjunction with the application for the Exemplary Award in Catholic Identity. Discussion ensued.

Jon Sohn and Rob will work on building a more robust Web site description of St Dominic academic achievements and strengths, including incorporating results from standardized tests, which are very competitive with top schools in the area.

#### **Growth (Bill Schenkelberg and Brian Schreiber)**

The Committee has been working on distributing the school survey and planning the Open House. The Committee plans to meet with Brenda Kornacki in the near future to discuss K3 marketing. Potential K3 marketing initiatives to be explored include updating the postcard mailer and on the Web site and use of social media and Google. It was also noted that social media could be an effective way to keep in touch with St. Dominic alumni. During the January meeting, time will be allowed for a marketing brainstorming session and defining goals.

#### **Other**

Bill Schenkelberg shared a letter he received from MSOE recognizing the SMART Team and its Coordinator, Mrs. Donna LaFlemme.

The January meeting will be on Mon., Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Armand Ruka, Parish Liaison, complimented the professionalism and sincerity of the School Board members.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Reilly, Secretary  
Dena Fura, Recording Secretary