

BOARDGRAM
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 12, 2009

Prayer: The meeting began at 5:30 PM with the prayer led by Andrea Dull.

Minutes: Minutes from the February regular meeting were approved without amendments.

Parent Association Report: Susie Lowe, PA President, sent out the PA report via email prior to the meeting. Susie reported that the current focus of the PA Board is filling board vacancies for the 2009-2010 school year. Beginning in June, Deborah Delano will replace Suzy Bane as Treasurer and Judith-Ann McCullough will take over as Board President.

There will be 4 co-chairs for CHS's 2009 Gala, which will take place on November 7, 2009. The PA Board would like to revise the by-laws so it would not set or limit the number of co-chairs for the Gala.

The PA Board still has concerns about their ability to maintain their current budget and is monitoring it very closely. They feel that it is not feasible to hold a fundraiser this late in the school year and will try to do more next year to make up any deficit in the budget.

There is a general membership meeting to be held this spring. The PA Board is looking for an activity to hold in conjunction with this meeting and is soliciting ideas for the activity. They are also looking for ideas to get new parents involved with the school and the Parent Association.

Principal's Report: Vince Aquila, Principal, sent his report via email prior to the meeting. Vince reported the 2009-2010 school tuition has been approved by the Diocese and letters have been sent out to the parents of the current students and parents of the new students regarding registration.

To help promote the name change at CHS, the Development Office is offering a contest to design the Falcon Mascot and/or School Crest that is open to all CHS students. The top 3 designs in each category will receive a \$25 VISA gift card. These designs will then be sent to a professional design company (company to be decided on at a later date). The company will then complete a number of designs for all stakeholders to view and make a final decision.

CHS received \$9,000 from the Federal No Child Left Behind Act. With a portion of this money, Ann Lawson was able to attend an ASCD Conference on Advanced Differentiated Instruction and Understanding By Design in Orlando, Florida, the week of March 10-13, 2009. During this week, she was able to meet with one of the ASCD founders for a very informative one-on-one discussion. She will present an in-service with the information gathered at this conference with the school faculty at the end of the school year and again at a back-to-school in-service in August.

Vince reported that the senior class trip to Washington DC went very well despite the cold temperatures. The students' behavior was excellent. Vince commented that they

were not able to have a priest accompany them on the trip and is hopeful that will change for future trips.

The school calendar for 2009-10 has been set. The school schedule usually follows the Huntsville School District, but for 2009-2010 conforms more toward the Madison County and Madison City School schedule. The biggest differences are the start date of August 10, 2009 and the change of fall break from a week off to an extended 4 day weekend.

Finance Committee: Jeanne Weaver sent finance reports via email prior to the meeting. Vince Aquila reported the school budget was approved by the Diocese Finance Council.

Education Committee: Bill Klus, Education Committee Chair, sent his report via email prior to the meeting. At the latest Education Committee meeting, the committee reviewed and agreed on the required actions to achieve goals and objectives for the year. One change was the method of contacting parents upon the withdrawal of their student.

Capital Campaign: Vince Aquila sent the Capital Campaign report prior to the meeting and handed out the most current copy of the Capital Campaign Newsletter to the Board members. Board members were asked to recommit to their Capital Campaign pledges.

Future Growth Committee: Charlie Grelier sent out the Future Growth Committee report prior to the meeting. Highlights of the report were the committee's work to reduce costs, evaluate space planning of the new campus, and to prepare for the transition from the old campus to the new campus. Questions regarding the action plan for the current building were addressed

Board Chair's Comments: Frank Chapuran reported that Charlie Grelier has assumed the position of the Future Growth Committee Chair. Due to family and job responsibilities, Chris Lowdell has resigned her position on the Board effective immediately. Since the School Administration and the Development Office have done an exceptional job with publicity, the Board members agreed to dissolve the Board's publicity committee.

Nominating Committee: Andrea Dull, Nominating Committee Chair, sent the Nomination Committee report prior to the meeting via email. Nancy Archuleta was nominated by the Board and approved by Bishop Baker to begin a three year term on the Board beginning on 1 July 2009. Brenda Brown, current member of the Education Committee and approved Board member, will begin serving on the Board immediately to fill Chris Lowdell's empty seat.

Diocesan Superintendent of Schools: Fran Lawlor, Superintendent, will be the chair for the Bishop's Committee for School Preservation. The SACS visit has been postponed until January 2010. On April 2, the Diocese will hold a workshop on Budgeting and Marketing Strategies. Tim Dyer, a member of NECA, will be the guest speaker.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 5:30 PM.