

Highlights of the November 17, 2010 Town Hall Meeting

Each Town Hall Meeting is an intentional effort to increase communication and understanding among the parents, board members, school administration, and others. We wish our uniquely close and supportive community to be comfortable to engage in essential conversations that include thoughtful questions, proposals, and responses.

School representatives present were Principal/Interim President Kathie Brown; Assistant Principal/Activities Director Matt Thuli; Assistant Principal/Campus Minister John Dols; Director of Major Gifts and Annual Giving, Jack Kelly. Board members present were Chair Barbara Burke, Vice Chair Scott Lutz, and committee members Brian LaVelle, Rich Lunsford, Jean Marschall, and Bill Traxler.

Topics:

Advancement: Mission Advancement Partners has been hired to complete an assessment of our advancement department and make recommendations to increase the financial health of the school.

Athletics: Holy Family staff members have completed a thorough evaluation of the middle school sports program. Next week, we will continue the conversation with some of the athletic directors and principals of area Catholic grade schools.

Holy Family must leave the Minnesota River Conference. We have completed the process of requesting placement in three conferences. It is now up to the MSHSL to place us. We should have placement by the end of January.

A new addition to the HF website is the ability for parents to evaluate the fall sports programs through an online survey. The survey will be available at the end of each season.

President Search: A thorough and intricate process of seeking the next president continues as the search committee works with SIMA International to identify the best candidate from among the applicants. The recommendation to the Board is anticipated sometime in January.

Building Audit: NOVA Consulting ran a complete audit of the facilities and found the building to be in excellent repair. The company has identified what to address

in the next eight to twelve years, allowing us to budget for repairs and replacements well in advance of need.

Strategic Plan: The Board has approved concise goals for the next several years that include deepening our sense of community, broadening enrollment and advancement initiatives, and enhancing our educational opportunities.

Open Forum: Ideas generated through discussion.

- Update our FaceBook with more non-athletic information;
- Post agenda items for future Town Hall Meetings;
- Post meeting summaries;
- Post Board news on the website;
- Bring back the family tailgate party in September;
- Establish parent mentorship for newer parents;
- Consider an alumni parent group;
- Utilize present parents to connect with prospective families.

We are planning our next Town Hall Meeting for late January or early February.