

Town Hall Meeting
June 9, 2011
Summary Notes

The evening began with prayer and a review of the ideas generated at the November Town Hall Meeting:

- Add more nonathletic information on Facebook. (We are working toward balancing sports information with other achievements and information. The success of our athletic teams, however, can dominate some weeks.)
- Post the agenda for the Town Hall Meetings. (The topics were posted in advance leading to over 50 people in attendance.)
- Post meeting notes on our website. (The notes were posted after the November meeting and will continue to be posted.)
- Bring back the Tailgate Party. (John Dols, Matt Thuli, and Kathie Brown will put this event together. Please let one of us know if you would like to help – we are going to need it.)
- Establish a mentorship program for new parents. (We are planning ways for current parents to be resources for new families. One way is to have an interactive website program that allows people to ask questions to which current parents can respond.)
- Consider an alumni parent group. (Still in discussion stage. Thoughts welcome.)
- Utilize parents to connect with prospective families. (Several admissions plans to be employed summer 2011.)

New topics included:

- The announcement of Mr. Michael McGinty as Vice President of Advancement. He will start June 5.
- The announcement of Mrs. Melissa Livermore as PT Dean of Student Support. Mrs. Livermore will monitor students who need personalized interventions to achieve success. She will also be a bridge between counselors and learning specialists.
- Mr. Jim Walker is the new Department Chair Coordinator. He will manage the school improvement initiatives, including the accreditation process. The group's most recent endeavor is the creation of a Leadership Institute that will provide each student leadership skills, by grade level, throughout the

year. Grade level parent meetings will be held to discuss this process and other grade level pertinent issues.

- Mr. John Dols is leading two programs to address student health issues. One is MN Teen Challenge, an organization dedicated to helping youth avoid drug and alcohol use. The second is the use of a trainer to work with all coaches, athletes and their parents to provide the special nutrition and safe workout information everyone involved in sports should understand.
- Sarah Hamrick '06 has volunteered to organize the Holy Family Alumni Association. Reunions, service projects, and more will be explored.
- A deliberate enrollment campaign has begun to address the 20% fewer eighth graders in our area. An extensive list of initiative was provided and parent help is encouraged. Please contact Mr. Rob Bell or Mrs. Laura Podergois to inquire about ways to help. Opportunities to be part of the enrollment campaign, however, will be made available in fall.
- A long discussion ensued among the more than 50 people present about the strengths of Holy Family and how to market them. Notes were taken and we will continue to work toward turning the strengths into strategies.