

**Divine Mercy Catholic Academy**  
**November 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights**

Location: St. Benedict John Paul II  
Board Members Present:

- Kathleen Martella-Zucco, Chairperson
- Julie Edwards, Secretary
- Jeanette McCann, Treasurer
- Dr. William Brotz
- Marsha Critchfield
- Father Angelo Patti
- Father David Peles
- Maria Sanders
- Thomas Smith, Divine Mercy Academy Principal
- Sister Donna Marie Leiden, SC, Diocesan Director of Education
- Jo-Ann Semko, Diocesan Director of Elementary Education

**Guest Speaker (Dawn Thompson):**

- The Board had a lengthy discussion with the Dawn regarding the proposal to start a scrip program for DMCA.

**Speaker-Rick Hoffman (New DMCA STREAM Coordinator)**

- Discussed a timeline for implementation for three phases of the program to include Pre-K to 8
- Extensive discussion curriculum objectives, ideas and planned activities

**Financial Report:**

- Maria Sanders presented Financial update from July 1st-November 10, 2017
- More new students enrolled
- Turkey Raffle raised \$8100 and the Cookie Dough raised \$9500.

**Principal's Report:**

Mr. Smith's Highlights

- Halloween parade of all students at the Galleria Mall was a success in unifying all students. Easier parking for parents and plenty of room for all to view parade.
- Teachers ongoing training going well
- STREAM update and Winter roll-out plans
- Reported update on STREAM meetings (donor update)

**Old/New Business:**

- DMCA awarded \$10,000 grant for STREAM from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies
- Board discussed developing a communication (monthly newsletter) to give to the churches about events going on at DMCA.
- Discussed available gym locations for DMCA basketball practices (East, West, Bach, Visitation)
- Sr. Donna to contact pastors of Board Candidates. Sr. will provide the Board with pastor recommendations.