

**Divine Mercy Catholic Academy**  
**December 11, 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
- Dr. Eric Ecklund
- Marsha Critchfield
- Father David Peles
- Thomas Smith, Divine Mercy Academy Principal
- Sister Donna Marie Leiden, SC, Diocesan Director of Education
- Jo-Ann Semko, Diocesan Director of Elementary Education

**Financial Report:**

- Financial Statement of Activity for the period July 1st through Dec.11, 2017.
- Few families not set up through FACTS. Plans discussed for next steps for families with delinquent accounts.

**Principal's Report:**

Mr. Smith's Highlights

- Update on implementation of the STREAM program at all 3 campuses. Construction starting at WEST and Middle.
- St. Francis and UPJ collaboration with STREAM program (Planetarium, Robotics camps, Coding)
- DMCA Hockey night well attended
- DMCA Christmas concerts
- Professional development for guided reading
- School delay/cancellation policy. All campuses will follow the same schedule for winter delays/cancellations.
- Newsletter for church bulletins

**Old/New Business:**

- STREAM instructor hired
- DMCA awarded \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies
- Lease agreements between the schools and churches finalized. The agreements are retroactive.
- Middle States preparation to begin soon
- Wellness Policy discussed. Necessary for the school to receive federal funding for the lunch program.
- DMCA buildings and grounds board chair to meet with OMOS building/grounds parish council
- Vocation retreat for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Boys/girls separate retreats. Sponsor covering the cost of one group, PTO to cover the cost of the other group.