

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy

April 9, 2018- Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Location: St. Benedict-John Paul II Building

Board Attendees:

- Dr. William Brotz
- Jo-Ann Semko
- Fr. Angelo Patti
- Kathleen Martella-Zucco-Chairperson
- Jeanette McCann-Treasurer
- Julie Edwards-Secretary
- Sr. Donna Marie Leiden
- Fr. William Rosenbaum
- Principal Smith
- John Oakley

Guests

- Maria Sanders, DMCA Business Manager, was present for the beginning of the meeting.

Financial Report/Accounting Matters

- Presented by Ms. Sanders. Update as of April 9, 2018
- Letter sent to families that are not up to date on tuition payments. Families must contact business office by April 17th to arrange payment
- Update on enrollment to date for the 2018-19 school year
- Ms. Sanders informed the board that the cost of the medical premium increased by 12% or about \$3,000 more per month.
- Report of sale of cookie dough, NFL and gun raffle tickets.

Principal's Report

Principal Smith presented the monthly DMCA report which is on file with the Secretary.

Some highlights include:

- Hiring a permanent substitute teacher
- STREAM Phase II
- Bullying update at all three campuses and the involvement of the Student Council with the anti-bullying program
- Title I update
- School Safety

Old/New Business

- Emergency signs updated at the West Campus.
- Board approved Lisa Downey as a new DMCA Board member.

- Marketing Committee was formed for future marketing efforts. A master calendar of school events/activities will be created and used to drive marketing efforts for the school year. It will be coordinated across all campuses and allow for timely information to be provided to families. It will also be included in the annual budgeting process.
- The Marketing Committee is looking into ways to more effectively promote the EITC program. The Board discussed possible people who are familiar with the program and could provide information to potential participants.
- Progress with the international program continues. Several Chinese students have expressed an interest in attending DMCA.
- Open House and Science Fair is scheduled for April 25th for East Campus and April 26th for West Campus.
- A sports banquet for grades 6 – 8.
- Invitations for 8th grade graduation will be sent out. It will be held on May 24th.
- The Board discussed providing local realtors and JARI with DMCA information packets to give to people moving into the area.
- Athletic chair suggested reaching out to Catholic schools in Ebensburg and Somerset to invite students to join DMCA's football program for next school year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14th at the St. Benedict location at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45. Minutes submitted by Julie Edwards