
St. Michael Catholic School Planning Committee Meeting

The St. Michael Catholic School Planning Committee met February 2, 2009 with Steve and Susan Milhouse, Sister Mary Michael C.K., Shannon Tetherow and Father Borowiak present. Father reviewed the results of the Catholic School Planning Survey for the committee. The committee agreed unanimously that the parish should move ahead with the building project beginning in 2009.

Father also said the individual who was looking to become a development director for Saint Michael parish has decided not to take the position.

The committee discussed the possibility of opening St. Michael School beginning K-4 or all eight grades at once. Sister Mary Michael said she has talked to administrators who have had both experiences. The committee agreed to continue studying the possibility of both options. Significant factors in such a decision include: financing an operating budget, split schedules for families, having children in two schools.

Committee members also asked if people who live within St. Michael parish boundaries will be asked to become members of St. Michael even if they currently belong to St. Peter or St. Joseph parish.

Father Borowiak said he would ask the parish finance committee to look again at what it would cost to operate a K-8 school. Sister Mary Michael said in addition to the needed teachers we should plan for at least a 3/5 teacher for art, music and P.E.

There was also discussion about the proposed partnering relationship with Benedictine College.

Sister Mary Michael also talked about curriculum development. She said Catholic schools find it better to pursue site based management in curriculum development. That is, allow local control, that is, parish, administrative and teacher selection in books, programs, etc.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 23. The committee was asked to work on a mission statement for the school.