

November, 2011 School Board Report to PTO

School Board meeting was held on November 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. Nine members were in attendance.

Principal Tierney submitted her monthly Principal's Report to the School Board. Enrollment is currently at 250 students. Principal Tierney announced the forming of a student council at Mater Dolorosa School.

The cost of the new alarm system was mostly covered by the insurance payment from the September, 2011 break-in.

Concern was raised by Fr. Alex regarding the presence of MD's students at the Our Lady of the Cross masses. Fr. Alex noted that since the merger, child attendance at the Mustard Seed program held during the 10:30 mass has been low. This has been an ongoing concern, especially given the fact that the financial sponsorship of MD School is connected to the newly formed parish.

Marketing Report: MD School now has a Facebook page. Discussion re: incentive program for new students. Nyles proposed the following: currently, there are about 70 empty slots at MD School which could be filled without the need to hire more teachers. Nyles proposed that current MD School families that sponsor a new family into MD School would get a \$500 break on their tuition. Also, he suggested that the new family receive a break on their tuition as well. This will be brought to the PTO for discussion.

Annual Fund: The Annual Fund has not yet started. Work should shortly begin on that.

BINGO discussion: Ed Godek has offered to co-chair BINGO, but would be unable to chair it by himself. Ed is looking for another person (or a couple other people) to help chair BINGO. Discussion will also be brought up at the PTO.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 12/13/11 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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