

Fairfield-Hocking Catholic Schools Executive Committee
Thursday, October 27, 2011 - 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
St. Mark Parish, 324 Gay Street, Lancaster, OH

The mission of the Fairfield-Hocking Catholic Schools Executive Committee is to determine the current challenges for the Deanery Catholic Schools and to provide a unified recommendation to promote longevity through revitalization, thus making our communities aware of the value of Catholic education.

MINUTES (APPROVED)

1. Prayer – The meeting was opened with by led by Msgr. Dunn at 7:10 p.m.
2. Attendance – All in attendance except: Fr. Gideon, Al Klinger, Carlton Rider
3. Approval of Minutes - September 29, 2011 (Revised) (Approved) and October 15, 2011 (Approved as revised).

Msgr. Dunn stated that the FHCSEC is expected to submit a recommendation to address the declining enrollment in the Lancaster schools to Bishop Campbell in December. He suggested using the November 16 meeting to finalize the recommendation. The recommendation needs to include school structure, current enrollment and prospects for future enrollment, and, if possible, financials. Priests were not able to meet since the October 15 FHCSEC meeting, but hope to meet before the second Monday of November to discuss fiscal matters.

4. Major Topics for Discussion – Recommendations to Bishop Campbell
 - a. Finance Sub-committee – Brian reviewed the requested changes to the Finance Report (red-lined document).
 - b. Discussion focused on implementing the current Lancaster school structures with an overarching “committee” to oversee coordination and collaboration while maintaining clarity of the pastoral, parochial nature of the elementary schools. The priority areas of focus are increasing enrollment K-12 and developing financial stability. The scope of responsibility and authority of this “committee” was discussed.
 - c. Because of the length of the above discussion, there was not time to address the rest of the agenda items. Msgr. Dunn suggested that an Ad Hoc meeting of pastors, principals, president be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on November 14 at St. Mary Bremen, before the Deanery/Clergy meeting, to further discuss the finance committee proposal, specifically point 1.A.i (Global Advisory Board).
5. Due to a scheduling conflict, the next and final meeting was changed from November 17 to November 16 at 7:00 p.m., at Fisher Catholic High School.
6. Closing Prayer – 9:15