

Dominican Ready for Coming School Year

Excitement Is High, Board Chair Tells Parents at Town Meeting

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Whitefish Bay, WI - At a meeting with parents and teachers Tuesday night, Board Chair Bill Curtis and Dominican High School's three top administrators stressed that the school was on track and ready for the coming year.

Curtis reported that the school had successfully refinanced its debt, made progress with delinquent tuitions, reached out to donors, and redoubled its commitment to transparency and open communications. Teachers and staff have been working hard all summer, Curtis said. Excitement is high.

The meeting was the second Town Hall session since Dominican began its search for new leadership in June, and the first since it was announced that the high school would replace the traditional president-and-principal organizational model with what is known in educational circles as a "Head of School" governance model.

Curtis said the Leadership Search Team expected to have a description for the new position drafted in two weeks but that it may take as long as 60-90 days to fill it.

Curtis acknowledged that the high school will start the 2009-10 school year without a head, yet he promised that Dominican's administrators -- Dean of Academics Edward Foy, Director of Institutional Advancement Leanne Giese, and Director of Finance David Hickey -- would oversee day-to-day operations of the school in an exemplary manner in the interim.

Foy announced the hiring of a French teacher and a Spanish assistant, and the resignation of LRC Director Claudia Burns and Guidance Counselor Mark Nagle. Foy also reported that Paul Wollersheim will continue as Athletic Director, and that Phy-Ed teacher Brian Geittmann will also serve as Dean of Students.

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