

The Catholic School Planning Group met at St. Michael's Church on Thursday, June 24. The committee thanks all the parents who returned their surveys. A total of 290 surveys were received. In addition to the surveys, the committee received e-mailed questions and some more lengthy responses from parents of currently enrolled students. These parents received acknowledgment of their e-mails from the committee chairperson and their responses were distributed to the committee before the meeting. At the meeting on June 24, the committee discussed at length the questions raised by the parents. All of the schools are faced with enormous challenges given the current cost per student as well as tuition costs, parish subsidies, and trends in enrollment. First and foremost, the committee was organized to represent the five parishes and to consider the best course of action for the Catholic schools in our five-parish group. We are looking for a solution that will provide the students in the parishes of this group with a quality, affordable education in the long term.

After the committee has tabulated and analyzed the survey results, it plans to share those results with the parents and parishioners. Additionally, several members were charged with putting in writing the answers to some key questions posed by the parents about the process and our findings so far. That response will be made available by the end of July. We continue to welcome feedback at cssg2010@charter.net. The next meeting of the full committee will be on Thursday, July 15.