

SCHOOL DECISION TIMELINE

2006

- Apr 6: St. Dominic meets with Archdiocesan Building Committee and receives approval for PAC/Gym
- PAC/Gym addition construction begins
- July/August: City wide listening session concerning future of schools. St. Dominic voiced concerns

2009

- Sep: Fr. Connell , Fr. Radetski, Parish Councils request Archdiocesan Schools Office to review north side schools
- Sep: School Committee begins exploration of self-funded Pre-K program

2010

- August: School Committee presents Pre-K program to Parish Council
 - Council and pastor approve addition of a new school program
- Trustee election is not held

2011

- Feb. 15: Carol Ward and Kathleen Cepelka present three possible school scenarios to the principals
 - Presented as starting points and not only options
- Feb. 15: Carol Ward and Kathleen Cepelka present options to joint parish councils
 - **Fr. Connell states that one of the three must be chosen.**
- Feb. 18: Wally Gartman requests subsidy formula from Douglas Miller of the archdiocese
 - **Mr. Miller recommends a formula based on parish membership, number of elementary school age children, and parish giving/revenue**
- Feb. 20: Emergency St. Dominic School Committee meeting to discuss – limited to one hour by Fr. John
 - Fr. John indicated a decision would be made March 1st
 - Fr. John stated any new options would need to be presented to the parish council and submitted to the archbishop prior to March 1st
- Feb. 22: St. Dominic School Committee requested a joint school committee meeting
 - St. Dominic requested financial projections to quantify savings
 - Fr. Jim did not present data to justify claim of savings of \$100,000+
 - Fr. Jim states he will decide on school option
- Feb. 23: St. Dominic Finance Committee meeting. Fr John did not add school consolidation and impact on finances to the agenda.
 - Finance Committee voted and rejected the closing of St. Dominic school and the potential forced consolidation
- Feb. 28: Parish Council meeting. Chair added school consolidation to agenda
 - Council voted to not accept the consolidation options as proposed. Vote not included in minutes.
- Mar 1: Fr. Connell and Fr. Radetski send letter to Archbishop Listecki and Dr. Cepelka to inform them of the joint decision to reconfigure the north side Catholic Schools
 - Requested that the Archbishop acknowledge that the decision was within Archdiocesan expectations for schools and complied with Archdiocesan pastoral planning found in Vision 21st Century
 - **NOTE: Vision 21 was authored by Fr. Connell. Vision 21 stated the goal to “Strengthen Catholic education though Holy Family School and St. Dominic School**
- Mar. 2: Fr. John tells Peggy Henseler he made decision on behalf of St. Dominic to merge schools.
 - Decision was against wishes of Parish Council, Finance Committee, School Committee, and one Trustee
 - Second Trustee was against 2011 start date

- Mar. 2: Letter sent to Archbishop ListECKi and Bishop Sklba outlining concerns over decision making process and fiscal issues.
 - Letter signed by one TrustEE and chairs of the Parish Council, Finance Committee and School Committee
- Mar. 4: Fr. John told Peggy Henseler that after further discussion, implementation delayed until fall 2012
- March: Holy Name is contacted to collaborate on joint need for new DRE
 - Fr. Connell responds he chose to not collaborate with St. Dominic and both should hire DREs
- Mar 31: Fr. John Radetski leaves St. Dominic
- May: A group of lay leaders met with Fr. Al Veik to express concerns of the parish over the forced closure of the school and forced consolidation of the school with Holy Family
- May 4: Core Planning Committee minutes announce sharing sessions to be held at the three parishes
 - St. Dominic scheduled for after 10:30 am Mass on June 19th, Father's Day
 - All sharing sessions were canceled by the Core Committee and none rescheduled
- May 5: A group of lay leaders representing the committees who's chairs signed the letter to the Bishops, meet with Dr. Kathleen Cepelka and Fr. Al.
 - Group presents concerns and lack of process in making the decision
 - Dr. Cepelka says she will discuss at Archdiocese and provide a response
 - Fr. Al comments that they need to talk before she responds – no response received
- May 5: Archdiocese presents a financial review to invited committee members of all three parishes
 - Archdiocesan rep states there are not financial issues at the three parishes
 - St. Dominic provided 10 year financial report to Holy Family and St. Clement.
 - Fr. Connell refuses to provide similar information when requested by St. Dominic
- May 23: Second letter sent to Archbishop by same committee chairs plus Planned Giving Committee member, past chair of Finance, Vice-chair of School Committee, and Pledge Drive Leader
 - Response from Archbishop does not answer questions
- Jul 18: Fr. Al informs previous Prayer & Worship members that he has reconfigured committee with selected members
- July 23: Archbishop's reply letter to Lay Leadership inserted in bulletin
- August: Group of lay leaders and one TrustEE request Fr. Al allow a parish meeting in the PAC to enable concerns to be heard, questions asked, and input given.
 - Fr. Al does not respond and the TrustEE schedules the meeting for Sep. 12th
- August: Group of lay leaders and one TrustEE request Fr. Al to insert into the bulletin a copy of the letter sent to the Archbishop on May 23 since the Archbishop's reply was inserted on 7/23.
 - Fr. Al replies that the original letter can be included as a bulletin insert if the signors of the letter approve – the signors approved
 - Fr. Al decides that the letter cannot be inserted as agreed without approval of the new school Core Committee. He agrees to ask them at the next meeting
 - Request is not discussed at meeting
- Aug 15: Lay leaders mail letter to all parishioners plus invitation to parish meeting in PAC on Sep 12
 - Waited two weeks for response from Fr. Al
- Aug 21: Fr. Al has homily directed at those who oppose forced consolidation
- Aug 22: Parish Council meeting scheduled for this date is canceled
- August: Fr. Al announces meeting in PAC is removed from parish calendar
- Sep. 12: Listening session hosted by lay leadership of St. Dominic Parish
 - Off-site because St. Dominic could not be used.
- Sep. 12: TrustEE election has not been announced
 - At least one parishioner gave signed nomination paper to Fr. Al
 - Wisconsin law requires TrustEE elections.
 - St. Dominic is in violation of the law for the second consecutive year.