

Approximately 25 families were represented.

Among the topics raised/discussed at Parents' Open Feedback meeting:

--concern about students receiving all information in **Homerom folders**

--**Parent-Teacher meetings**: good to have afternoon sessions as this past November; but some need for later evening sessions as well for parents who work and can't be here before 7:00pm

--there was great interest in how the **parents' portal to PowerSchool** will impact communication between parents and teachers. There was hope that this would increase/improve communication between parents and teachers, especially as individual emails can get lost in shuffle at times. Parents were very appreciative of teachers who responded quickly to any queries about their sons' grades/performance in classes

--there was some discussion about whether we have considered adopting **electronic or online textbooks**. Benefits would include lighter backpacks, easier access from any place with Internet connection.

--question whether the **hours the Library is open** and available for quiet study could/should be expanded, especially later in afternoon. Currently the Library is open from 7:30am-3:30pm.

--there was some discussion about possibility of **public-speaking course**. Perhaps a better way to approach this is through course assignments that include oral presentations rather than separate course

--there was some discussion about the **purpose of PSATs** and how students received their grades (at class meeting in December) and whether a prep course for PSAT would be advisable.

Additionally, the members of the academic administration present gave a quick update on any major projects they are currently involved in:

Mary Durante, Vice Principal: implementation of PowerSchool and opening student/parent portals

John Morris, Dean of Students: MAGIS challenge update (freshman ahead) and conduct mentoring

Ryan Heffernan, Director of Campus Ministry: plans to connect retreat and service programs more explicitly

Dan Healy, Assistant Dean of Students: working on comprehensive review of activities at Prep

Jim DeAngelo, Principal: Ignatian formation programs new this year and continuing to implement Middle States action plans, specifically curriculum review process begun this year