



Lumen Christi School Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 26, 2021; 6:30pm

Attendees: F. Bucheger; B. Crowley; E. Daley; M. DeGuire; K. Fyfe; S. Gayfield; J. Germano; L. Kass; A. Lenzen; N. Maciolek; P. Manning; C. Miller; R. Pickett-Metz; J. Russell; D. Sortino; A. Stark; K. Wegner; Fr. Stephen

Absent: B. Hughes

1. Welcome & Prayer

- Committee members reviewed latest email communications.
- Meeting began at 6:39pm
- Prayer - Fr. Stephen

2. Reports from the Principal

- Principal Fyfe connected with parents, Dr. Joynt, Trinity Freistadt principal, Deanery, pediatrician from Children's Hospital Wisconsin
- Trinity Freistadt – 8 reported COVID cases, masks optional, quarantine optional last year
- Deanery – All schools chosen to be masks required except St. Francis Borgia (Cedarburg), St. John XXIII (Port Washington), and Divine Savior (Fredonia)
- OZ County Health Dept – regular meetings have resumed
- Lack of clear verbal direction from leaders re: school COVID policies from OZ Co, Archdiocese, DHS
- Pediatrician Consult – one size does not fit all, vaccination is important – masking is next best mitigation strategy, don't allow adults (non-staff) in building regardless of vaccination status, no evidence that Delta is changing spread among kids, use school data for decision making
- Data from last year – 23 students (2 staff) total confirmed COVID cases; 21 cases traced back to home
- Primary Goal – keep kids in school!

3. 2021-2022 COVID Policy – Discussion, Questions & Recommendations

- Draft of policy was distributed to members with time to read & review in meeting.
- What's the evidence for masks? Local pediatricians indicate evidence that masks work. Not all people agree.
- Discussed vaccine mandates or encouragement of vaccination
- Would commission consider following pediatricians' (AAP) recommendations, especially when community cases are in "High" or "Substantial" categories per county health department?
- Emphasize to families to keep children home when they are sick – COVID or other illnesses.
- Proper masking is more difficult for young students.
- What's the difference between social exposure and classroom exposure? Why not require quarantine for both? Masks recommended if 1 case, expected if 2 cases at grade level. LC considered a close-knit, controlled environment, trust community.
- What does "expected" mean re: masking with 2 grade level cases? Child asked to mask, if does not will be sent home.
- What if things don't go well? Consider previous protocols; discern appropriate mitigation strategies to implement.
- What specific criteria will be used for determining a grade level quarantine? Administration will decide on a case by case basis.
- Minor wording edits/typos under "Household Exposure" section.

- Distancing – varies by classroom; Can efforts be made to try keep desks three feet apart? Discretion of teachers in organizing classroom, dependent on grade level as well.
 - Edit wording under “Physical Distancing” section to make clearer, physical distancing may not be maintained until COVID exposure occurs.
 - Has periodic COVID testing been considered? No.
 - Teachers will support students and address bullying.
 - Will information from CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics be provided so parents can make informed decisions? Statement from CDC regarding masking will be added to LC mitigation plan.
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- Manning – Motion; Miller – Second
Yes – 7; Abstain – 3
Motion Passed

4. Other Open Business

- Next meeting September 16th at 6:30pm

5. Adjournment

- Adjourned – 8:44 pm

Commission Members / Committees

- President – John Germano
 - Vice President - Nancy Maciolek
 - Secretary – Rachel Pickett-Metz
 - Finance – Paul Manning
 - Development – Angie Lenzen
 - Evaluation – Open
 - Technology – John Germano, Craig Miller
 - Policy – Dave Sortino, Beth Crowley, Lisa Kass
 - At Large – Stephanie Gayfield, Bill Hughes
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- Pastoral Council Liaison – Joe Russell
 - Faculty Representative – Fred Bucheger
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- Principal – Kelly Fyfe
 - Recruitment & Marketing Director – Megan DeGuire
 - Mission Leader – Elizabeth Daley

Respectfully Submitted: RPM