

DRAFT Education Commission | Minutes

Jan 11, 2022 | 6:00pm

Education Commission Members Present: Sarah Farmer (Chair), Dan Horgan (Secretary), Katie Wilson, Kristen Baumgartner, Sharon Bresler, Monica Smith, Lori Anne Fothergill, Jacob Cheek, Fr. Del Staigers

Guest: Sherry Dumford

Absent: Gretchen Bosse

- **Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection**
- **Previous meeting minutes approved**
- **Principals Report:**
 - Cameras have arrived – they work well, indoor and outdoor, can see license plates outside.
 - Middle School is going virtual for 5 days due to lack of teachers.
 - Masks are staying for now. Teachers must show proof of vaccination or require testing, per government guidelines.
 - Personnel Issue – A new technology teacher is being searched for.
 - Virtues in Practice – The monthly virtue for January is Gratitude.
 - Outreach – We sent Thanksgiving and Christmas mailings out to the homebound at both St. John Fisher and St. Veronica Parish.
 - EANS check for \$43k arrived.
 - Wifi points have arrived.
 - Open House – Will be on Jan 30. We put an ad in the telegraph, ordered yard signs, and let parents and parishioners know. We are looking at taking reservations as well as walk-ins. Reaching out to parents, will provide lunch for teachers.
 - Registrations for current families should be going out this week.
 - Safety needs: 30 walkie-talkies and FCC license – approx. \$11,000.
 - Auxiliary money lower than in the past due to enrollment, some specialists may need reduced hours to make up for loss of funds. These are all contracted through West Clermont and salaries for these positions/nurses are paid from those funds. EANS funds helped keep these positions this year.
 - State of Ohio still requiring a sub license. Lack of teachers and aids continue.
 - Staffing for cafeteria monitor, etc. still needed.
 - Discussion about website – marketing, testimonials. Perhaps content of packets could be placed online. Marketing position could be an option with the new parish families.
- **REP:**
 - Midyear survey going out.
 - First reconciliations have been occurring.
 - Jan 23 - Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor meeting.
 - Feb 6 – Enrollment for Confirmation
 - March 27 – Jesus Day during REP class time, between 9:30 and 11am masses.
 - March 8 – Professional Development
- **Finance Committee Resolution Discussion**
 - Technology & Instructional Fee – \$125 now to \$200 per student.
 - More analysis is needed – fees need to be separated by grade level, no way to make this equal across all grade levels.

- Discussion of electronic payments will make things easier for parents, likely easier for back-end office as well.
- Jacob will check with McNicholas to see how the system they use works.
- Discussion about oversight of budgets and surpluses – PTO, Athletics Boosters, Fine Arts, and the membership of the committee that oversees those budgets.
- **Other issues**
 - Are parts of the handbook (hairstyles, name brands) still in line with other similar institutions?
- **Closing prayer** - *Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.*
- Next Meeting to occur Feb 8 at 6pm.