

# Education Commission | Minutes

September 13, 2022 | 6:00pm

**Education Commission Members Present:** Sarah Farmer (Chair), Dan Horgan (Secretary), Katie Wilson, Monica Smith, Gretchen Bosse, Lori Anne Fothergill, , Thad Lewis, Gina June, Kay Hohner-Stefanics, Jeff Coutts, Amanda Hogel, Stephanie Woodall, Fr. Del Staigers

**Absent:** Jacob Cheek

- **Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection - Fr. Del**

- Expectations of EC for 2022-2023 school year. This will be a transitional year at school just like the rest of the family of parishes. Transition has been going well.
- We expect there will be some stumbles, but this “reset” will allow us to realize we need parents to help with the responsibility.
- Better communication should continue this year.
- Mood is set for the school by the Education Commission. We are the eyes and ears of the parish and school.

- **Introductions**

- Introductions by the new principal and other members and guests.

- **REP:**

- Catechetical Blessing this Weekend (9/17 & 9/18).
- 82 Students in REP (over 100 if we include Preschool and Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)).
- Slightly larger than last year. Twice a month now instead of once a month. Parents will teach six lessons at home this year vs 18 last year.
- Use the “Christ in Us” series, features videos if parents are uncomfortable.
- CLOW begins this Sunday 9/18/2022.
- First Reconciliation Service on 12/13/22.
- First Communion dates: 4/29, 4/30, and 5/7.
- Confirmation: 4/23/2023.
- REP uses a biweekly flyer and email communications. Discussion of other potential methods of online communication for parents/groups.

- **Principal Updates**

- The First 75 Days – revised schedule, revised school handbook, removed Administrators from most daily duties (lunch/recess, etc.)
  - Returned recess to Junior High.
  - No more locks on lockers.
  - Viking Bell – Gives time for those who need extra help so they won’t miss core instruction and can see intervention specialists.
  - Air conditioners and filtration system installed.
  - Interior was repainted.
  - Floors refinished.

- Full cleaning of the office, shredded significant amounts of unnecessary paperwork.
  - Supply drop off and Back to School night was appreciated by parents.
  - Two rooms used for storage, one is a sensory room and the other for collaboration space.
  - Former computer room is planning to be opened again by October.
  - “Viking Voice” goes out weekly to parents. “Weekly Roundup” for staff comes out once a week.
  - Teacher Inservice: What can St. Veronica be? SWAT analysis was conducted and will be worked on throughout the year.
  - Annual “Holy Name of Jesus” medal to be presented to students.
  - Staffing - 7 new hires.
  - STEM – There was only one applicant that wasn’t as strong as was needed. Will be spending time researching this year for what type of position is best suited/needed.
- Vision for the School  
316 (48 are Pre-K and Preschool). Hope to have 28 of those go to Kindergarten. 268, K-8 students. Primary goal is 70-80% retention of those current preschoolers. Robust and vibrant Catholic Education, Meet Student Needs, Carry the Kingdom of God out into the world.
  - Health and Safety  
6 COVID cases in the building, 3 were staff, 3 were students.
  - **Next Steps**
    - Maximize the use of Education Commission – break out into subcommittees – 1) PR/marketing, 2) enrollment and registration, 3) bridge between School and Parish.
  - **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 - - Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 6pm**