

St. Dominic Education Commission January 11, 2021

Attendance: Mike Liderbach, Mark Goins, Mike Stenger, Peter Gibbs, Jessica Remmel, Bill Cavanaugh, Karen Brandstetter, Patrick Lahni, Kim Luebbering, Joe Kruessel, Jessica Williams
Absent: PTO

1) Call to Order (7:00)

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of December minutes **Approved by unanimous consent**

4) Old Business (7:05)

- COVID related topics - student/staff impacts
 - 2 staff (including nurse) out, a few students
 - Feedback from teachers was largely positive
 - Bill to reach out to Athletics to cancel in-person meeting
- Technology (Chromebook) Updates
 - Vendor says devices aren't in inventory yet, no commitment on timing
- Open House
 - No communication yet to families outside the school, will discuss with Marketing committee this week.
 - Eight families registered so far
 - Considering professionally produced promotional video (done at another school)
 - Suggested:
 - Pursuing Facebook add, leveraging school page
 - Posting message on board in front of parish
 - Update existing Power Point on school website
 - More detail in principal's report

5) New Business

- Catholic Schools Week
- Science Day **Teachers inquiring about STEM Day**

6) Committee Reports (7:30)

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter) - 5 min
 - See principal's report re: sacrament delays
 - Decisions are being made within the parish, understanding other parishes are taking different approaches
 - Restarted PSR after holiday, only had one student missing
 - Two potential candidates for reception into church
 - 5th & 8th graders will be given religious knowledge assessment, per usual (ACRE, Assessment of Child/Youth Religious Education)
- **PTO** (Korb or Hasselbeck) - 5 min **No representative**
- **School Strategic Plan** - 7:40
 - Academic Excellence (Peter) - 5 min
 - Kindergarten reading online program **Using Raz-Kids program, positive feedback**

- High school readiness survey **Anticipate sending to last year's 8th grade in coming weeks, Peter to coordinate with school office to obtain addresses**
 - STEM Club **Virtual STEM Club, 9 kids submitted materials to site. Suggestion to develop/deploy a STEM activity for students to complete during indoor recess**
 - Teacher Engagement (Jessica & Jessica) - 5 min
 - Teacher Recognition
 - Knights, PTO each contributing \$250. Also talking to Athletics, Men's Society. Patrick talking to local businesses about possible donations as well.
 - Also talking to school secretary to talk about teacher onboarding process
 - Jessica R has information on bringing food trucks to campus, if there's interest
 - Patrick advises challenges with getting local restaurants to donate food for events
 - Catholic Culture, Community & Family (Team) **no update**
 - Marketing & Communication (Mark & Joe) - 10 min
 - School Website
 - Assembling proposal this month for replacement site
 - Applied for Google ad grant, waiting to hear results
 - Open House
 - Online support in place
 - Strategic Plan revisit/updates...communication with Parents
 - Working on blurb for Parent Press to remind parish families of the work Ed Commission is still doing
 - **Principal's Report (Bill) - 8:10 (20 min) see below**
 - Feedback to encourage school to consider possible field trips
 - **Tuition Credit (Lahni) - 5 min no update**
- 7) Next Meeting: Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 pm. Location TBD.
- 8) Closing Prayer
- 9) Adjournment (8:40) **8:38!**

Principal's Report

1. Once the Catholic Schools Week schedule is finalized we will send the attachment out through the Parent Press.
 - The CSW theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence. Service."
 - Catholic Schools week is Jan. 31 - Feb. 6. This is different from what is listed on our calendar. A correction was added to the Parent Press.
 - **Days (to be finalized Jan 12):**
 - Monday: Thank you notes, St Jude collection, crazy hat/sock
 - Tues: Student Appreciation Day
 - Weds: STEM DAY
 - Thurs: Teacher appreciation day

- Friday: Catholic Schools mass

2. Open House for PS-8 will be Jan. 24 from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm. All staff must attend. There will be an additional open house for PS and K on Jan. 26 from 6 pm - 8 pm. These are for prospective parents only. They will need to go to Sign up Genius that was listed in the Parent Press last Friday.
3. All Sacraments for the 2nd and 8th grades have been postponed. We do not currently have dates for when they will occur.
4. Registration packets will be going home in the Friday folders on Jan. 29 with the youngest child. **Hoping to include tuition information, but timing may not work out**
5. Capital Improvements for the school will be an area discussed with Fr. Jim soon (**hopefully end of month**). I will get input from the staff and give that information to him. I will mention this at tomorrow's staff mtg.
 - a. **Hoping to revisit renovation of bathrooms by the gym. May be opportunity to collaborate with Athletics**
 - b. **Jan 19 deadline for other suggestions**