

**St. Dominic Education Commission**  
**March 14, 2022**

Attendance: Christelle Middendorf, Karen Brandstetter, Mark Goins, Kim Railey, Mike Stenger, Peter Gibbs, Jessica Rimmel, Peter Gibbs, Jenny O'Brien

Absent: Joe Kruessel, Jessica Williams

1) Call to Order - 7:00

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of January minutes - Approved

4) Old Business

- COVID - Some restraints being pulled back in school: Plastic dividers coming down throughout school. Drinking fountains opening soon. Social distancing at lunch still. No longer reporting cases in Parent Press (no longer required for CDC). Mass still split half school at a time.
- Market Day - discussion if Tuition Credit program should pick up Market Day from PTO. Program gives back 10%. Last year raised about \$50 with minimal to no advertising of the program. Potential issue with Market Day requiring PayPal from Parish. Patrick will contact Market Day and potentially Charlie. Come back in April for a vote.
- Social Media - Athletic Association met with Fr. Ben recently. Victory has a promotional marketing staff member. St. Dominic may be able to share resources once parishes merge. Still encouraging staff/volunteers/parents to provide Annie Schiller with items to post to Facebook on occasion.
- Open House - Jenny provided the following feedback via email in February:
  - Open House went well. We had 23 families sign in with a total of 32 potential students. I believe all parents took registration packets with them when they left. Those folks who took their picture in the library received an email with the picture the next day from me. I thanked them for coming and told them to reach out with questions. I plan to follow up on Monday with any family that signed in but hasn't returned a registration packet to see if they have any questions and to encourage them to apply.
- Registration - numbers seem on par with previous years. Currently 11 new students grades 1-8.
- Wellness Policy (O'Brien)
  - consider reducing the number of unhealthy snacks given throughout any given month. Goal for PTO to reduce the number of ice cream sales/bake sales/wednesday wow treats per lunch.
  - Decided to eliminate items in current Wellness Policy that were not in existence today (eliminate requirement of a Wellness Committee, No requirement for a school Physical Activity Bulletin Board)
  - Wellness Policy will now be discussed annually at the Education Commission, PTO and school staff meeting.

5) New Business

- Education Commission Elections - need to reach out for new candidates. Submit names by mid-April. Peter will put notices in Parent Press and Bulletin.

## 6) Committee Reports

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter)
  - 6 new baptisms of students recently.
  - Recent 1st Reconciliation - 37 2nd graders.
  - 48 confirmed on March 3. Special kudos to Ms. Luebbe and Mr. Wells. Wells will be leaving the PSR program after 10 years of service to the program. 7th grade servers did well.
  - 8 adults of Parish entering church this Easter.
  - Karen, and DRE focals at other parishes met with Fr. Ben to discuss PSR programs at all parishes (three programs across parishes currently). Let decisions drive circumstances, not circumstances drive decisions. Looking for DRE directors to come back to him with a plan at a future meeting.
  - On Sunday July 2nd, there will be ONE mass for all parishes (location TBD)
  - This Friday - religious in-service day for staff (children off school)
  - Wailing wall in gathering space
  - First Communion - 1st Saturday of May
  - Server Reintroduction - Fr. Chris training new children for Holy week. 7th and 8th graders will be trained soon to start serving again at masses. All children given opportunity to volunteer if they wished.
  - Confirmation next year March 21st will be 5 parishes combined at St. Dominic Church.
- **PTO** (Railey and Lively)
  - Upcoming purchases for school/gym: Retractable shades for gym windows; sound system for gym
  - PTO/Athletic combined Meeting this past Thursday
  - Free PTO Lunch this Thursday
  - Walk-a-thon May 13th, kickoff April 8th
  - Who Dey picture for sale - proceeds for Joe Burrow foundation
  - Open positions: co-president elect, secretary
- **Principal's Report** (O'Brien)
  - Technology Update
    - Mr. Josh provided the following update that Jenny provided:
      - Technology curriculum remains tied to AoC graded course of study:
        - Age appropriate lessons on Google Drive usage and components (docs, slides, sheets, etc) to grades 2-8
        - keyboarding/typing and computer basics such as equipment usage, internet/password safety and professional presentations
        - Collaborating with classroom teachers on integrating my lessons with theirs
        - 3D printing with Mrs. Cox. Some issues with equipment and time-consuming process to print just one project.

- Grading classes 5-8 with projects and list of expectations. 80% grading on projects, and 20% for participation/behavior
  - 1:1 Devices
    - finally received all backordered devices ordered summer 2020
    - Each classroom has own cart and 99% of devices in circulation
    - Switch from HCC to SWOCA very successful - more bandwidth for campus wifi
    - Working plan with Tech. Committee to allow devices to go home as needed
  - Goal going forward: use Aux money to replace computers year after year. 5th graders always get new computers, and keep them for three years (Same with K-4).
    - Servicing funds may need to be scaled back in future to support the technology plan
- **School Strategic Plan**
  - Parent surveys going out at end of year (part of 6 year accreditation plan) and be ready for Sept discussion at Education Commission meeting and potential impact on a new Strategic plan
  - Catholic Culture, Community & Family (Middendorf)
    - Catholic Identity Committee meeting 2/1
      - Kids taking a tolerance survey by 4/1 (on culture of school)
      - Each homeroom will get a designated saint to learn about next year
      - Living Stations April 14th; Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent (half of school alternating in church/in classroom live stream each week)
      - Lent in a bag and Resurrection Eggs
      - May: living rosary
  - Marketing & Communication (Goins , Kruessel)
    - Website training/coordination/maintenance meeting - will take place sometime in future with Jenny, Stephanie, Josh, Joe and Peter. Date and time TBD. Jenny, Steph and Josh may not have time until June..
    - Website analytics dashboard - Joe created a dashboard. He has provided link to view via email.
    - Google ads - Mark working to get ads linked to parish sites since google adds won't link to school.
    - Recommend bigger social media presence going forward.
    - Consider if the website needs any additional content?
- **Tuition Credit (Lahni)**
  - Chipotle Wed. March 16 - 33% return
  - \$3299 from Kroger for Nov-Jan
  - Amazon smile \$291 Quarterly donation

- 7) Next Meeting: Monday, April 11 at 7 pm, school library
- 8) Closing Prayer
- 9) Adjournment (8:52)