

St. Dominic Education Commission
May 9, 2022

Attendance: Mike Stenger, Joe Kruessel, Mark Goins, Nikki Servizzi, Karen Brandstetter, Jenny O'Brien, Jessica Rimmel, Peter Gibbs, Erin Paff-Rich, Christelle Middendorf, Patrick Lahni

Absent: Jessica Williams, PTO

1) Call to Order 7:00

2) Opening Prayer

3) Approval of April minutes - Approved

4) Old Business

- Market Day - decision is to not absorb into Tuition Credit Program due to potential liability with Paypal Requirement
- New student Registration forms/requirements wording - Jenny updated wording for next year to be more welcoming
- Reminder - Ed Commission Meetings next year. Monday 10/10 (school out of service) to be moved to Monday 10/17. Monday 4/10 (Easter Monday) will remain as is.

5) New Business

- Education Commission members to serve a new, three year term
 - Induction of new member - Erin Paff-Rich
 - Thanks for volunteering for another 3 year term Patrick Lahni and Jessica Williams!
- Education Commission Positions for next year
 - Chair - Mark Goins
 - Vice Chair - Joe Kruessel
 - Secretary - Erin Paff-Rich
- Before School Program discontinued next year due to financially not being sustainable. Looking for volunteers to help with an alternate option of dropping kids early at 7:15. One volunteer has contacted the school so far.
- Ed Commission Shared Drive location going forward should be migrated from a personal gmail account to st.dominic.delhi.org google account. Jenny will talk to Josh about setting this up. Peter will work with Erin to transition files. All members will have drive read/write access. Email account will be used by Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary as needed.
 - Recommend setting up a separate Tuition Credit account too for Tuition Credit focals
- Website discussion/training will happen in June between school/Ed commission
 - June 3rd @ 9:15-11 to discuss website handover, future vision
- Ed Commission Bylaws will be updated to mention website ownership as the role of Secretary - Committee voted yes, unanimously. Peter will write up wording and send it out.

- Festival volunteers - Mark will reach out to the Festival Chair to see if they need the Education commission to chair a booth in July.
- O'Conner Hall usage and TV usage - Can the parish be more accommodating to school usage of TV? Could be a useful resource to many school (and parish) ministries if access was more available. Jenny will bring up question at next meeting with Parish.
- Peter recommends a review of the school "Critical Activity List" again at the start of 2022-2023 school year. This was created back in 2019 to organize a list of all major activities and "rites of passage" the Education Commission thought important to a St. Dominic education experience over a student's time here
- Surveys for 9th graders should be brought back for next year to gauge high school preparedness of our 8th graders

6) Committee Reports

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter)
 - First Communion held May 5th
 - Project for next year: each classroom learns about a dedicated saint.
 - K of C committed to fund half of it as of now
 - Meeting of DREs tomorrow for our Parish of Families
 - Karen has submitted two proposals for next year of how to handle integration of PSR among the parishes
- **PTO** (Lively via email)
 - See PTO report at end of these minutes
- **Principal's Report** (O'Brien)
 - Half day kindergarten will stay for next year, however low interest this year
 - Staff departures
 - Amy Walter, Brad Ohmer, Amy Young, Jenny Williams (retiring)
 - Denise Allgeyer and Mike Williams (will be called back if preschool/kindergarten numbers increase)
 - Current registration numbers for 2022-2023
 - 366 as of now. Hope to get to 400. Kindergarten and Preschool numbers are low as of now. (30 and 33)
 - Reviewed Iowa and STAR results for year. St. Dominic above Archdiocese average
 - Update on school Marketing job posting - one offer made, but he already had another offer. Fr. Jim is reaching out to another potential parishioner.
 - With Mrs. William's retirement, Mrs. Cox will take over Advanced Math; Advanced Reading will be replaced with Integrated Science (will give opportunity to include literacy portion and earn high school credit)
- **School Strategic Plan**
 - Strategic Plan Committees structure and status going forward will need to be decided by Education Commission at beginning of next school year
 - Catholic Culture, Community & Family(Middendorf)

- No Report
- Marketing & Communication (Goins , Kruessel)
 - Mark and Joe still working Google Ad Grant
 - The Athletic Association will be opening an online store in the near future through Kochs Sporting goods for Athletic Apparel.
- Academic Excellence (Gibbs)
 - No Report
- Teacher Recognition
 - No Report
- **Tuition Credit** (Lahni)
 - Waiting on Frisch's numbers still

7) Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th at 7 pm, school library

8) Closing Prayer

9) Adjournment (8:30)

PTO Updates:

- We have approved a new sound system for the Gym
 - Paperwork is signed and submitted to the company
 - Waiting on products that are on back order
- We are waiting on an Electrical quote to go along with our Blind quotes so we can make decisions on Blinds for the gym windows
- Walk-a-thon is this Friday, May 13
 - We have met our Super Goal of \$20,000.00 so there will be no school Monday, 5/16 & Tuesday 5/17
 - Over \$5,800 was collected during the Change War last week
 - 8A will be the VIPs of the Walk-a-thon with over \$1,800 raised for the Change War
 - All volunteer assignments went home with students on Friday.
- PTO Receptions committee will be organizing the 8th Grade Graduation Bruch, Graduation Reception & Graduation Dance all of which will take place on Tuesday, May 24
- We have a full PTO Board for the 2022-2023 school year, and they were all sworn in last week.

*Anyone is Blue is new to the Board *Anyone in Green is in a new or added role

PTO Executive Board:

- Co-Presidents: Stephanie Singler & Courtney Gentile
- Co-President Elects: Mary Bogner & Amanda Hogel
- Secretary: Shannon Thomas
- Treasurer: Nancy Goins

PTO Board:

- Book Fair: Amy Hafner & Sheri Bechtel
- Box Tops/Labels: Paetra Flaspohler & Jessica Lothes
- Hot Lunch: [Holly Riesenbeck & Jennifer Chouteau](#)
- Ice Cream: Lenore Hater & Jill Folzenlogen
- Holiday Split-the-Pot: [Emily Musonza & Amanda Newland](#)
- Membership/Attendance: Joann Fettig & Jessica Williams
- Mumpkin Sale: Jennica Bass & [Ashley Hiett](#)
- Receptions Coordinators: Kim Railey & [Courtney Gentile](#)
- Room Parent Coordinators: Stephanie Singler & Jennifer Bizailon
- Secret Santa Shop: Amanda Hogel & Sarah Hignite
- Sunshine Committee: Jaychele Charles & [Kelly Starkey](#)
- Teacher Liaison: Joann Fettig
- Technology/Communications: Mary Bogner
- Used Uniform: Michelle Korb & Andrea Ray
- Walk-a-Thon: Julie Schloemer & Karen Awad