

St. Dominic Education Commission February 8, 2021

Attendance: Mike Stenger, Mike Liderbach, Peter Gibbs, Karen Brandtstetter, Kim Luebbering, Mark Goins, Jessica Williams, Patrick Lahni, Joe Kruessel, Jessica Rimmel

Absent: Bill Cavanaugh

1) Call to Order (7:00)

2) Opening Prayer

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

4) Old Business (7:05)

- Technology (Chromebook) Updates **Continuing contact with vendor, no commitment on delivery date, unlikely to be current school year**

5) New Business (7:20)

- Elections - begin outreach for potential new members. Election committee ("3rd year" members): Kim Luebbering, Mike Liderbach, Mike Stenger. Names to be submitted to the Parish in March. Communication needed in Parent Press, Bulletin, Weekly Email. **Strongly encourage members to have names to recommend at next meeting.**
- **Read Thank You notes from school kids!**

6) Committee Reports (7:30)

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter) - 5 min
 - Catholic Schools Week included daily Prayer of St Dominic, food drive
 - Reconciliation will be week after Easter, priests will go to classrooms and invite students individually. Priests should be vaccinated by then.
 - Confirmation is April 24
 - May 1 is First Communion
 - Teachers will distribute ashes to their classes for Ash Wednesday
 - Lenten invitation to access Word on Fire, emails to be sent to any address on file at the parish. Will include video commentary from Fr Jim, Fr Chris
 - Instead of gathering space display of lenten intentions, students will write a stone commemorating losses for which they're praying.
- **PTO** (Korb or Hasselbeck) - 5 min
 - Delivered lunches to teachers on Thurs and students on Fri for Catholic Schools Week
 - Still intending to have a form of Walk-a-Thon in May
- **School Strategic Plan** - 7:40
 - Academic Excellence (Peter) - 5 min
 - High school readiness survey
 - Sent to all Class of 2020 parents
 - 17 responses, normal response rate
 - Significant improvement over previous years, discussion of how to promote this and other good news to school community.
 - Desire to revisit computer curriculum with teacher, will work on preparing questions (5 per member by Friday)

- STEM day
 - Academic Issues Committee Engagement **intend to re-engage after long break due to COVID**
 - Technology Committee **Reviewed common discussion topics for new commission members, intend to get group meeting again**
 - Teacher Engagement (Jessica & Jessica) - 5 min
 - Teacher Recognition
 - **Funds collected from parish groups, no word from principal on when food days will be**
 - Catholic Culture, Community & Family (Team) - 5 min
 - Catholic Identity Committee Engagement
 - Marketing & Communication (Mark & Joe) - 15 min
 - School Website
 - Google ad grant **making progress with Google, seems like better investment than physical displays (Delhi Pike banners)**
 - Marketing Committee **no leader, not meeting, have asked principal to discuss marketing needs with parish leaders**
 - Strategic Plan/Ed Commission parent communication **Mark, Peter to work on articles for coming weeks**
 - **Principal's Report** (Bill) - 8:10 (TBD min)
 - See below
 - **Tuition Credit** (Lahni) - 5 min
- 7) Next Meeting: Monday, March. 8 at 7 pm. Location TBD.
- 8) Closing Prayer
- 9) Adjournment (8:30)

Education Commission Mtg.-Principal's Report

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1. Registration for current families began Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 19. There will be two families' names that will be picked at random to receive a \$500 tuition credit.
 2. Website Update-The information Joe Kruessel sent to me was discussed at last Tuesday's Parish Office meeting. His email was also sent to the Parish Administration so we could discuss further, get it approved and begin making changes to the website
 3. My thanks to Jenny Teepen who was the chairperson for Catholic Schools Week. She did an outstanding job. I would also like to thank and recognize the following teachers who were on the Catholic Schools Week Committee. They are Andrea Ray, Jeannine Roth, Patty Bosse, Courtney VandeRyt, Angie Cox, Betsy Liderbach, Julia Glassmeyer, and Jan McReynolds.
 4. These teachers have reached these milestones in their teaching in Catholic Schools. Congratulations to them. I will recognize them at some point in time either at church or at a staff meeting. I will also put it in the Parent Press.
- 5 years

- Steve Burns
- Courtney VandeRyt
- 15 years
 - Angela Cox
 - Josh Shortt
- 20 years
 - Julia Glassmeyer
 - Karen Awad?
- 25 Years
 - Jan McReynolds
 - Maggie Pater
- 30 years
 - Sara Tepe
 - Kathi Wanger

5. Tuition will be set at the March meeting after the Finance Council has met. March 24 is the next meeting for the Finance Council.
6. Teachers will be given their first immunization shots for COVID on Friday Feb. 12th. Three weeks later, the teachers will receive their second shot.
7. Please keep in your prayers Karen Brandstetter because her mom (Dolores Budkie-age 89) passed away this week. Please keep Karen and her family in your prayers.
8. The Top 5 Capital Improvement List from the school/me has been given to Fr. Jim, Deacon Mark, and Charlie this past Saturday Feb. 6.
9. The Calendar Committee will be meeting in the next few months to finalize the calendar for next year. We will look at dates to try to accommodate the 8th grade Washington DC Trip for next school year.