

Education Commission | Minutes

August 25, 2020 | 6:30pm

Education Commission Members Present: Sarah Farmer (Chair), Dan Horgan (Secretary), Monica Smith, Sharon Bresler, Kristen Baumgartner, Katie Wilson, Caryl Shelton

Not Present: Fr. Del Staigers

*Meeting conducted virtually

- Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection
- March minutes | Review & Approve – Approved
 - No meetings held in April, May, June, July due to COVID
- Principal's Report
 - Virtual Schooling:
 - School changing to Google-based applications.
 - Headsets – will cost about another \$1000, approx. 22 cameras have been ordered.
 - Projecting voice may be an issue, will see how that works out. Everyone will have to be flexible to see how this works – teachers, parents, keep communication open.
 - Enrollment: Approx. 25 students have signed up to be virtual, each grade has some, K-8. Class with the most has 4 that have chosen to attend virtually for the first trimester.
 - Blue tape has been placed to help distancing, including cafeteria.
 - Nurses station has been moved, sink is going to be installed along with barrier for quarantine that meets state standards. Room dividers will be setup for up to 3 students.
 - Standards to be decided upon for when to go virtual, etc.
 - Acceptable Risk Policy to be signed by parents, keep students home if sick, etc. It only takes one sick person to bring it in and spread.
 - Circuit fitness training to be placed in back of school outdoors.
- Children's Faith Formation Report
 - Ms. Kearney has retired, official last day Sept. 9 for book pickup.
 - REP representative to Education Commission to be determined.
 - REP will be virtual this year.
 - New Religion Series, Christ in Us, has many online components to assist if needing to go virtual.
 - Inservice will take place tomorrow.
- Open Discussion:
 - Potential bringing on a school alumnus as member of Education Commission. Hoping this person can build a formal alumni group.
 - Discussion about Athletic policy allowing virtual students being allowed to participate in sports. Athletic Boosters stated that sports are a “parish” ministry and not “school” extracurricular. Andy Eiser told directors that other parishes are following same policy to include virtual students.
 - Reports of many students not distancing or wearing masks waiting for practices.
 - Ms. Bresler reports that many parents and students have stepped up to help with plans on helping out with PE options and other school needs.
 - Suggestion of a meeting for virtual students to learn how things will work this year for them to share expectations, guidelines, present at start of school, in uniform, etc.
 - Possible virtual students come in for that first day to meet teacher since attendance will be divided the first 3 days to allow for smaller groups. Could be optional, would be great especially for younger students to meet their teacher in person.
 - Lunch: Limit to one hot entrée to speed up service cycle time vs choice of two. Switching to Pizza Hut.
 - Teachers will be creating videos on how lines will work, breaks, sanitizing, etc.

- Google Calendar will be used for upper grades to list, My Student's Progress (MSP) will be just used for grades while Google Calendar will be used for homework, projects, etc.
- Education Commissions to continue to be virtual.
- No decision on 8th grade graduation date at this point.
- Next Meeting to be October 13 at 5:30 – future meetings will be held virtually