

# Education Commission | Minutes

October 13, 2020 | 6:30pm

**Education Commission Members Present:** Sarah Farmer (Chair), Dan Horgan (Secretary), Monica Smith, Sharon Bresler, Kristen Baumgartner, Katie Wilson, Caryl Shelton, Fr. Del Staigers, Andy Eiser (Guest from Athletic Boosters)

\*Meeting conducted virtually

- Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection
- August minutes | Review & Approve – Approved
- Principal's Report
  - Positive COVID cases have been reported at other schools, our students are on same football team as positive students at those schools -- our students on the team will quarantine at home for next two weeks.
  - School Mass is splitting into 3 parts – K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades, and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Students will go to class every 3 weeks, the rest not in church are streaming to the classroom.
  - Karate class is going well for gym. Circuit training being worked on now.
  - Potential outdoor classroom area in front of school with whiteboard - water and electric available in that area. Seating options being determined.
  - Walk-a-thon is Friday. Preschool-Grade 3 will be on grass field for separation, Grades 4-8 will be walking around school building. Snack and drink stations at both locations. Approx. \$23k at this point for donations so far.
  - No Halloween parade, smaller versions of room parties will still occur, no costumes.
  - Bringing back two entrees for school lunch. More students are packing.
  - GE is now a matching funds partner. Anyone working at GE can now double donations.
  - All glad that new procedures are working well. Students are coping well.
- Children's Faith Formation Report
  - Mr. Frantz currently overseeing.
  - REP will be virtual this year.
- Athletic Boosters
  - Regular season of girls volleyball is over, tournaments at school this weekend.
  - Communication has been good, few problems reported.
  - Anticipate that basketball which is starting next month will have similar rules.
  - Denny Osbourne tournament will not occur this year due to COVID/attendance issues.
  - Concessions and Gate have dropped 90%.
  - Still have enough money in accounts to pay for projected scholarships.
  - Comboni will still need to be used for basketball practices.
  - Discussion about COVID protocols, Andy said these suggested guidelines will be implemented:
    - Masks must be worn at games and practices until inside the gym. Parents will be told this must be followed or student will not be permitted to participate.
    - Students should remain in cars until coach arrives and allows students into building after previous practice has completed. They should not congregate anywhere else.
    - Students will be temperature checked at door at games and practice. Parents should wait in cars to be sure students are under temperature.

- Each team should have a coach or monitor in charge of checking temps.
    - Guidelines should be distributed to parents so they are aware, possibly add an agreement to be signed to make sure parents follow these guidelines.
    - Perhaps a parent meeting to occur to discuss how things will change this year with new guidelines. Share through Facebook and other social media.
    - Continue to send reminders about mask requirements.
    - School has plenty of masks available if student arrives without mask.
    - Each coach to get some masks, hand sanitizer, wipes.
  - Boosters meet First Tuesday of each month, 7pm.
- Open Discussion:
  - Discussion to reach out to a potential school alumna as member of Education Commission. Hoping this person can build a formal alumni group. Sarah will reach out to a potential contact.
  - Chess Club starting, up to 17 kids grades 4-8. Meetings likely to be on Fridays, won't last all year, possibly 8 sessions.
  - Discussion about mask policy for school/church grounds/ministry center.
    - Inside the building, they need to be masked.
    - Outside, if six feet or more, masks not required. If closer than six feet, masks should be worn.
    - Signs are on ministry center doors.
    - This is a state mandate.
  - No decision on 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation date at this point.
- Closing prayer - *Protect us, Lord, as we stay awake; watch over us as we sleep, that awake, we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.*
- Next Meeting to be November 10 at 5:30pm. Future meetings to continue virtually.