

Education Commission | Minutes

December 8, 2020 | 5:30pm

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

Absent: Katie Wilson

*Meeting conducted virtually

- Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection
- November minutes | Review & Approve – Approved
- Introduction – Jacob Cheek for Alumni liaison.
 - Gather lists, alumni mass/events/festival
 - Students still belong, even after graduation.
 - Could be reaching point multiple generations.
 - Support school/parish, perhaps an e-newsletter of happenings.
- Principal's Report
 - COVID
 - So far, no new cases in the building, though we do have some students on quarantine due to outside exposure.
 - New quarantine updates have been adopted by the state of Ohio. 14 is still the most comprehensive quarantine, however, there is now protocol for a 10-day quarantine, as long as there is not a positive test result. There is also a protocol for a 7-day quarantine, as long as there is a negative test result after the 5th day of quarantine. I am fine with the 14 and 10 day, not so sure about the 7 day one but that is what the guidelines says.
 - Discussion on how to best message family quarantining over Christmas to prevent additional spread once school starts back.
 - We are looking at the times and schedules for total online learning after looking at the results of the parent survey. We have not publicized this as yet as we are still working on it.
 - ADVENT
 - We are working with the parish and using the Little Blue Book to help students and families prepare for Advent and Christmas.
 - Each day of each week has a focus including prayer, charity, practical and personal things students can do to prepare for Christmas.
 - Advent Calendar with daily questions for students to answer.
 - Last week we collected over \$450 and the students voted to donate the money to Children's Hospital. This week we are collecting warm items (new or gently used) that can be donated to help others stay warm this season.
 - CARES MONEY
 - We were able to get another \$11,900 to purchase new Chromebooks for the teachers. While we put out the money from the Technology funds, we should be getting reimbursed for this purchase.
 - We are also awaiting reimbursement of \$4000+ for the dividers in the cafeteria.
 - We are working with the parish to use Chosen for our 7th grade students as they prepare for Confirmation. Fr. Del, Fr. Alex, Bill Frantz, Sherry Dumford, Tracey Peavley, and me work with the students in small groups discussion after viewing DVDs.

- Today, Fr. Del, Theresa Kearney and I worked with Julie Biernat to have a mini First Reconciliation retreat. Students will make their First Reconciliation with their parents - not as a group as in past years, due to COVID.
- Athletic Boosters
 - Discussion about potential inconsistent messages being sent parish wide, students/families should remain distant over holidays, but playing basketball against teams from other schools is OK.
- Scouts
 - Cub Scouts had Cake Bake event in the gym without issue. Scouts were distanced, remained within families. Kitchen was kept closed.
- Open Discussion:
 - Discussion about Christmas and ticketing need for masses to prevent overcrowding.
 - Fundraisers including Split the Pot and Giving Tuesday helped make up loss of festival this year.
- 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 occur Jan 14th at 6:30pm. Future meetings to continue virtually.