

Education Commission | Minutes

January 14, 2021 | 5:30pm

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

Absent: Fr. Del Staigers, Monica Smith

*Meeting conducted virtually

- Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection
- December minutes | Review & Approve – Approved

Principals Report:

- COVID updates
 - We had one (1) new case in the building since we have been back from the holidays
 - New quarantine guidelines for in-school exposure but out-of-school exposure quarantine stays the same
 - We did have to quarantine several 4th grade boys due to exposure from sports
- Open House
 - Scheduled for Sunday, January 31st from 10:30am to 2:30pm
 - We are taking appointments and will accept walk-ins on the day
 - Precautions are being taken for the safety of everyone
 - We are preparing gift bags to give to families instead of offering food
 - Signs will be available this weekend for people to take home/or place strategically to promote the open house
- Catholic Schools' Week
 - It will not be a traditional Catholic Schools Week due to COVID but we are looking to do several things that should be fun for the kids. We will have designated days for teachers, parish/school beautification/pride, parents, students, community service.
- Lent
 - There will be no Ash Wednesday Mass; ashes will be given in the classrooms
 - We will work with the parish on other items for Lent, Little Black Books
- 2012-2022 School Calendar dates were discussed, but dates still cannot be published as they are not yet approved by the Archdiocese.
- Middle School is participating in a Youth Tobacco Survey by the CDC. Notice went home to parents today with permission slips going home tomorrow.
- Renewing being a Provider for Autism, Jon Peterson, Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion
- Second Round of COVID Funds was passed on Dec. 22 and we are still waiting to see how much we get.
- IOWA Testing window is Feb 22nd - March 16th
- Additional Chromebooks were provided to the 8th graders

Athletic Boosters:

- Most basketball games seemed to occur as expected
- Registrations for Boys Volleyball and Track & Field coach/students

Scouts:

- Pinewood Derby scheduled for this week, distanced as required, no kitchen access. About 50 kids, with adults/former scouts racing the day before.
- Girls Scouts Cookie sales
- 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 Feb 16th at 5:30pm. Future meetings to continue virtually.