

Education Commission | Minutes

March 9, 2021 | 5:30pm

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

Absent: Monica Smith

*Meeting conducted virtually

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

Principals Report:

- COVID Updates
 - We had 2 new cases in the building, one student and one faculty member. Luckily, neither case resulted in more quarantines in the building because the infected individuals were not in the building two days before the start of symptoms.
 - Teachers are scheduled to get their second shot on March 19th. Even though this is on a Friday and they have the weekend to recuperate, hearing from other schools that some symptoms are lasting into the next week. At this time, we are not taking off Monday, but if there are a lot of teachers reporting symptoms Sunday night, we may take off on Monday. Parents will be made aware of this possibility in the Thursday newsletter.
- EANS Money
 - Received the application for EANS and attended a meeting on how to fill it out and what qualifies for purchases and reimbursement.
 - EANS money can carry over until September 30, 2023, so the money can be spread out over three years. This is likely to be about \$300,000. This is not a loan and is granted money.
 - Some of the items that we are looking at include: a water fountain with a bottle filler (\$1,000), Chromebooks to make us a one-to-one school (\$100,000), new windows for the side of the building (\$7,000), Ceiling fans for each classroom (\$10,000). Can also put in salaries for people starting next year that would combat COVID, like school nurses, cleaning staff, remediation teachers to help with any learning gaps.
 - Need to be careful not to use for a new position, as money will be gone in 2023 and may not be able to fund it.
- Ongoing Registration
 - Currently, sitting at 296 registrations (this year there are 370 with the additions in preschool earlier this month). Sixty three (63) have not registered and, of these, 18 are current preschoolers who may not return. Aware that a few families will be home schooling (3), have moved (3) or are choosing public school (3).
 - Beginning to call families that we have not heard from to get a better sense of who is returning.
 - Please continue to share with other families about the school. This will continue to be noted in the newsletter and possibly church bulletin, even St. John Fisher.
- Renewing Provider for Autism, Jon Peterson, Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion
 - Started renewals in all of these scholarships.

Education Commission Description (as written in parish guidebook):

- Investigate current short description of Education Commission in the parish phonebook and determine if this needs to have more detail and that it is up-to-date and accurate.
- Should list make-up of board members (REP, Athletic Boosters, etc.)
- This should be complete by March 26.

Parish Phone Calls

- Education Commission has been assigned a group of parishioners to contact.
- These should be contacted by the end of Lent.

PTO

- Last sharing session for the year will be outdoors at the Veterans Park, Volunteer Celebration.
- Faster/Daughter is virtual.
- Dream Dinners is moving forward to help support McClure family.
- New Board members are being elected.

Athletic Boosters:

- New Board members to be elected.

Scouts:

- Girl scouts: Girl Scouts cookies almost over.
- Cub Scouts: Blue & Gold event where the oldest scouts move up to Boy Scouts will occur this weekend. Will not use kitchen this year, pizza will just be ordered.
- Boy Scouts: Mulch Sale going on.

Open Discussion:

- 8th Grade will have Camp Kern event upcoming. All will have masks. Parents will need to decide if they want virtual students to attend or not.
 - Discussion about COVID vaccines/dates/manufacturers and side effects that could impact staff getting the vaccines.
 - Tracking or not in the 6th grade. If not, they will by 7th grade.
 - Multiple Education Commission members have hit the end of their terms. Discussed nomination of other families.
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- 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 April (date TBD) at 5:30pm. Future meetings to continue virtually.