

## Education Commission | Minutes

April 13, 2021 | 5:30pm

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

**Absent:** Jacob Cheek, Sharon Bresler (Mrs. Dumford attended in her absence)

\*Meeting conducted virtually

- Welcome and Gospel Reading | Reflection
- March Minutes | Review & Approve – Approved
- Discussion about bylaws and new committee members:
  - Sarah, Dan, and Monica are willing to stay on in existing roles for continuity. Carol will leave to be replaced by a new representative from REP. Sarah will arrange for appointment for new members next meeting.
  - Sarah will look into modifications of bylaws.
  - Potentially bring new members on to transition those that reach term limits.
- Principal's Report
  - COVID Updates
    - As of now, no new cases have been reported to the school.
    - All teachers who chose to be have been vaccinated.
  - EANS Money
    - Proposed budget for the EANS money was submitted and the state has approved it. The final amount is \$372,723.85, up from \$307,000. Local ESC will communicate about the distribution of the money.
    - Notice that the final amount is more than the proposed amount, however, must follow the same guidelines in spending it. Assumed it could be used to purchase items like a water fountain with a bottle filler, ceiling fans, new windows and salaries for cleaning staff. However, the state came back and said that no capital improvements could be done with the money. Instead, will focus on Chromebooks and Kindle Fires to ensure a one-to-one school, some of the regular programs like DIBELS and STAR math and reading, Accelerated Reader, Simple Solution books, and remediation summer teachers to combat learning gaps, and an individualized computer program for students to work on their learning gaps.
  - Ongoing Registration
    - Currently, there are 318 registrations and 16 projected for a total of 334 (this year there are 370 with the additions in preschool earlier this month). There are families that will be home schooling (3), some who have moved (3), and some who are choosing public school (3).
    - Beginning to call families that have not registered to get a better sense of who is returning.
  - Renewing Provider for Autism, Jon Peterson, Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion
    - Started renewals in all of these scholarships.
    - Placed notices in both the St. Veronica and the St. John Fisher bulletins, and the Thursday newsletter about the Ed Choice and Ed Choice Expansion Scholarships.
    - Using the St. Veronica parish sign to also alert people about the scholarships.

- Staffing for Next Year:
  - Offered a contract to someone for PE and are waiting to get the contract back before releasing their name.
  - While most teachers have said they are coming back, there are still a couple that are uncertain. Unable to share any names at this point, but working with them to finalize the needs for next year.
- Updates on Class Changes
  - Hopefully won't be as much COVID protocols. If lifted, will go back to the way it was or a modified block schedule with A, B, C days and seeing all teachers at least 3 days a week.
  - Potentially add/enhance with additional math software.
  - Concerns that math should be taught every day – something to look at with budget / staffing numbers.
- Athletic Boosters:
  - New Board members to be elected.
  - Volleyball and Golf signups starting.
- Scouts:
  - Boy Scouts: Mulch sale going on.
- 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 May 11 at 5:30pm. Future meetings to continue virtually.