

3/12/2018 Education Commission Minutes

Present: Bill, Linda, Rick, Jennifer Theresa, Patrick, Kim, Peter, Steve, Sheryl, Jeff

Absent: Julianne

Feb Minutes (7:02)

-Need better times on minutes (actuals not planned)

-Need permanent electronic storage

Old Business (7:05)

-3D printer – Progress is being made, waiting for current project to complete before focusing on printer projects. Kids are making files.

-Library – no update

-Gym cleanliness – Jeff emailed Charlie D. Bathrooms are cleaned before school and Friday evenings. Classroom before 3pm. Athletics on the weekend. Peter said there's a stall door that won't close

New Business (7:08) – Defer to committee reports

-Jeff Lively – Issue with negativity coming from parents regarding coaching and plays. He has emailed Paul Tallen about what he heard. Linda responded that she's heard from other parents outside St. Dominic that St. Dominic really negative at sporting events. Discussion followed.

Kim suggests finding ways to actively push PBIS into athletics. Sheryl suggests physical contract form that gets signed. Bill says minimum actions should be to give names to athletic association, if you are comfortable and its appropriate, try to shut it down in while in the stands. Discussion included how these actions reflect poorly on the school. Bill said he would consider putting something in Parent Press.

Committee Reports (7:20)

High School Preparedness Committee: Kim has draft email. Bill to give teachers a heads up and then let Kim know so she can send email. Kim to send draft email to Bill tonight.

-Still want to talk to former students/Freshman

Election Committee: Need to decide new members at April meeting. Courtney Becker is interested. Mike Liderbach is interested, but need to determine if bylaw change/clarification is needed.

Bylaw Proposal on Family Members on Education: Kim summed up proposal and need to not exclude a portion of the population and still try to protect against conflicts of interest. Linda thinks having a spouse is a conflict of interest, Rick disagrees and says we don't typically talk about specific teachers. Peter said that Jessica Williams might be a possibility. Bill's colleagues said they think it is a conflict of interest. Decision – leave bylaws as is, pursue candidates and if a family member is elected, we'll see how it goes. Peter was thoroughly surprised.

Tuition Reduction – Patrick

- Charlie would prefer program be named Tuition Credit Program, need consistency
- Formal Vote proposed by Patrick, seconded by Kim
- Yes: 8
- No: 0
- Absent: 1
- Motion passes, includes changing language of the bylaws
- Kroger - \$4,010.64; 519 households; \$12897.54 total for Q1-3
- F&N Chicken - \$220. 77; next May 2nd
- Reaching out to Robben Florist
- Trying to schedule Chipotle

PTO – Sheryl – Nothing to report

- Spring book fair is next thing, location changed to library
- Complaints about location not being accessible by anything but steps (excludes many parishioners)
- PTO did best they could to find a place that would work for all parties

Faith Formation – Theresa

- Copies in email (copied below as well)
- Steve W. now teaching 7th grade PSR, still need permanent staff for next year.
- Meditation still twice a week
- Sacrament Prep: 3 adults ready for Easter Vigil
- Confirmation Prep: Meeting with Mrs. Daubenmerkl this week, still working retreat options
- 1st Communication: Men's society doing commemorative plates again
- Opportunities for adult faith formation: bible studies, stations of the cross 3/15, Mike Davis Lent Concert 3/21

Principal's Report – Bill

- In Email
- Concerns: numbers are down, especially going into Kindergarten
- Going to form a committee on recruiting, social media. Asking for teachers, Ed Comm, PTO...
- Kim and Peter volunteer to send letter to help get responses of people leaving
- Calendar concern that there seem to be less days off; questions about spring break and how a couple years we had it and most years they don't.
- Everybody approves calendar
- Honor roll changes by Academic Issues teacher committee. Concern that removal of "average" hurts kids in advance math who might get a B+ but now can't get 1st honors. Bill to ask Jan. What would last year's scores look like against next year's guidelines?
- Is there a mindfulness on giving 3's in effort? What about 3's in Art, Phys Ed, Music? A 3 in Art could keep a student off honor roll even with straight A's.

- Will be rolled out in Handbook and teachers will explain.
- Need to have questions addressed if Handbook changes are going to be made and Ed Commission is expected to approve
- 8th grade was commended for behavior on non-school sanctioned trip to D.C. Next year's trip is March 21-15.

Peter's Comments

- Sr. Mary Ruth scholarship going to top 2 students (not top boy and girl)

Comments from Constituents – NONE

Closing Prayer – Bill.

Adjournment @ 8:40

Next meeting 4/9/2018 at 7pm

St. Dominic Education Commission – Faith Formation Update – 3/12/18

1. PSR

- Continuing search for catechists
 - o Steve Walter is assisting with 7th grade, very grateful for his help!

1. Christian Meditation with Children

- No update, twice weekly morning meditation continues.

1. Sacramental Preparation. RCIA/RCIC

- Expect three adults to be fully initiated at the Easter Vigil

4. Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation

- Meeting with 8th grade religion teacher Thurs 3/15 to finalize prep plans for 2018 Confirmation.
 - o NET Ministries or St. Vincent de Paul for next year's Confirmation retreat.
 - o 10 volunteer families needed to make this happen
 - o Tentative date is Tuesday, Nov. 6

5. Sacramental Preparation

- No changes from last month's update.
 - Men's Society has again purchased commemorative plaques for each 2nd grader.
- Thanks!

6. Remaining Adult Faith Formation Opportunities for Lent

- Lenten Bible Study with Fr. Jim & Fr. Chris, Tuesdays 2/6 – 4/10; 7 PM
- Stations of the Cross in church following the Community Dinner on Mar 15, at 6:30.
- Mike Davis Lenten Concert in church, March 21 at 7 PM