

Education Advisory Committee Meeting

October 8, 2019

APPROVED

Fr. John Lantsberger, Mr. Michel, Mrs. Kallhoff, Sandy Bauer, Adam Heinitz, Danny Geraets, Tami Schwebach and Jacque Brown were present.

Meeting was called to order at 3:41 pm with Father John leading us in prayer.

Previous meetings minutes were reviewed.

Danny motioned and Adam seconded to approve previous meeting minutes. All voting aye, motion passed.

Administrative Report

Elementary/HS

- In-service, September 25th – Father John spoke with staff regarding Gender and Sexual Identity. Very enlightening. Remainder of time used to meet with School Improvement Committee.
- October 23rd – Next In-service date. Topic TBD.

Testing

- Decision was made to move SAT-10 and OLSAT testing to the spring.
- Two main factors led to this decision:
 - Trying to get them done in the fall was challenging with schedules. Spring should be less busy.
 - When we test in the fall, it is too early to get an accurate reading of the grade level. Many topics have not been covered in the current year, so we are essentially testing each class on their previous year's knowledge instead of their current grade level. Testing in the spring will give us a more accurate idea of where students are at in their grade level progress as most tested topics will be covered by then.

School Events

- Monsignor Mangan came on October 7th and lead a Rosary as well as talking to students in their classrooms
- Book Fair/GRAND event – well attended – over \$1000 in books purchased in 45 minute timeframe! Book fair continues through October 10th.
- Conferences on Thursday (10/10) for JC-12 students from 1-7 PM. There is a home VB that night as well. Some teachers will be unavailable for parts of the day. An email was sent with information.

Activities Report

- Information about remaining football season was sent out today.
- City of Dell Rapids does not believe football field will be ready in time for playoffs, so we are exploring other options for playing.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please visit http://www.drstmary.org/Calendars/calendar/Monthly_Calendars.html

Committee Reports

Marketing/Retention

- Nothing to report at this time.

Finance

- Things are in good order.
- Google Pay will be added to pay lunch balances/accounts.

Policy/Curriculum

- Working on revisions on the school lunch policy.

Facilities

- Discussed report Father John sent out regarding Catholic Identity.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- School information in Bulletin. “Catholic Education Corner” will be highlighting faith based happenings in the church and school.
- Streaming weekly school masses coming soon!
- Mass attire – Students need to dress appropriately on mass days. Kids wear uniform pants instead of shorts or sweats (athletes leaving before noon).
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Next meeting will be November 19, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Father John led us in a closing prayer.

Tami motioned and Danny seconded to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47 pm.