

Education Advisory Committee Meeting

December 16, 2020

UNAPPROVED

Father Stevens, Mr. Michel, Mrs. Kallhoff, Adam Heinitz, Danny Geraets, Tami Schwebach, and Karey Klein were present.

Adam Heinitz called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm with Father Stevens leading us in prayer.

Previous meetings minutes were reviewed.

Danny motioned and Tami seconded to approve November meeting minutes. All voting aye, motion passed.

Administrative Report

Megan Ahlers has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant for St. Mary High School. We thank Kristy Fiegen for her past service in this role and wish her the best in her new role in the Parish Office.

We have had a request to consider a co-op with Garretson for girls soccer next fall. Casey will gather additional details on cost and logistics of offering this to St. Mary students.

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

Old Business

- None

Committee Reports

Marketing & Retention: None

Finance: No changes to current financial trajectory for this fiscal year.

Policy & Curriculum: Policy updates will be discussed in new business.

Facilities: Gym floors will be waxed over Christmas break. A question was raised about the possibility of cleaning the vents, as the gym gets very dusty on a daily basis. Hope to avoid updates to plumbing, electrical and HVAC prior to building updates as it is most cost effective to update all at once. Father, Deb and Casey will meet with architects in early 2021 to review alternate plans for phase 2 location.

New Business

- **New NHS Constitution** – A new draft to the NHS constitution was presented. This draft includes specific language and criteria for earning and maintaining membership in St. Mary NHS. NHS students will be held to standards beyond just the GPA.
- **Exterior lighting in front of high school-** Several concerned parents have asked about poor lighting in front of high school. An Excel light pole light is off, but they have been slow to come fix it. We will also look at the feasibility of adding a light on the west side of the building.
- **Missing Assignment Policy Update:** Changes to the current policy will be enacted beginning with the spring semester. There will no longer be a missing assignment table with slips for students. Missing assignments are the student's responsibility and the volume for some students has exceeded an acceptable level. New policies will be communicated to students after the New Year.
- **Underage Consumption Policy:** This policy will be updated and addressed in future meetings. With potential changes to SD law as it relates to Cannabis, language will be added to include this in the consumption policy. The new and updated policy will be kept consistent and hold students at St. Mary to a higher standard.

Executive Session

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 13th, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Tami motioned and Karey seconded to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.