# St. Dominic Education Commission May 14, 2018

Attendance: Bill Cavanaugh (Principal), Peter Gibbs (Chair), Kim Luebbering (Vice-Chair), Juliane Belisle (Secretary), Jeff Lively, Patrick Lahni, Steve Walter, Jennifer Bazaillon, Rick Veid, Mike Liderbach, Ken Streder, Linda Kasper

Absent: PTO Representative, Theresa Eagan

- 1) Call to Order (Peter Gibbs, 7:00)
- 2) Opening Prayer
- 3) Review and Approval of April Minutes
  - Approved minutes will be uploaded to Parish Website after meeting
- 5) Old Business (7:05)
  - 3D printer plan- See Principal report below.
  - PBIS Updates
    - o Recent "bullying" incidents
      - Use of cell phones bullying.
      - Consider the parental letter emphasizing (Kim will draft a letter to be sent at the end of the year in parent press)
        - Cavanaugh corner topic?
           Possible PTO topic for parent trainings- both bullying training and/or positive apps that enhance learning
  - Parent Press topics/ideas for Bill -
    - Tech committee in creation gathering names
    - Academic Issues Committee \_ What to they do, what they accomplish

#### 6) New Business

• Parish Festival volunteer sign-ups (Duck Pond Saturday and Sunday)

## 7) Committee Reports

- "High School Preparedness" Committee (Peter/Kim/Juliane)
  - O Seton/St. D. meeting Wed. 4/11 with Allison Hinker Feedback from Bill
    - Overall teachers felt it was a positive start Would like it to be ongoing for next year
    - Would like to drill down into specifics in each area
  - 9th grade parent/student Survey Results (Peter goes over results)
    - Reviewed results: themes around note taking/studying and lack of technology preparedness
    - Some specific insights around Language Arts
    - Peter will meet with Bill before beginning of next school year/next commission meeting to discuss ways to address concerns highlighted
- Election Committee (Steve/Linda)
  - Linda will write an article in parish bulletin both May, June,

- Induction of three "new" members:
  - Ken Streder
  - Kim Luebbering
  - Mike Liderbach
- o Chair/Vice Chair/Secretary election
  - Peter Chair
  - Kim Vice Chair
  - Jeff Secretary
- **Tuition Credit** (Rachel Lahni)
  - Waiting to hear back from Robben Florist
  - F & N Goode Chicken was significantly lower than usual...only \$58.00
  - June 4th Chipotle fundraiser Bill could do One Call on this one!
- **PTO** (not present, but Cheryl Carrithers sent report via email)
  - O Walk-a-thon exceeded its target fundraising goal. Over \$18,000 was raised by the students. This money will be used for more projects that help improve the school learning environment.
  - PTO is currently working with the music dept on getting quotes to replace the sound equipment in the gym/stage. This is much needed and we hope to be able to budget the replacement into our funding.
  - O PTO will also be funding the replacement of the mulch on the playgrounds this summer in preparation of the next school year. This is something that the PTO pays for every other year.
- Faith Formation (Theresa was absent, but provided report via email)

#### 1. PSR

- Catechists for 18/19 school year
  - All grades are covered at this point. I will be confirming with volunteers over the coming weeks.
  - Thanks to Ed. Comm. Members who have volunteered to help in this capacity, I am very grateful for his help!

# 2. Christian Meditation with Children

- Twice weekly morning meditation continues, school staff leads this prayer on days I am not at work.

# 3. Sacramental Preparation - Confirmation

- Confirmation retreat plans are delayed. Information will be sent to incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders over the summer.
  - Overview of Confirmation requirements Service work, sponsor qualifications, etc.
  - o Kim suggests that teachers considerusing kids for service hours if their

## 4. Sacramental Preparation

- First Communion for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders went well the weekend of May 5 & 6. I appreciate the help from our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers and PSR catechists, as well as Ann Andriacco, who returned to fill in for me.
  - o 43 2<sup>nd</sup> graders received their First Eucharist

#### 5. Vacation Bible School

- Led again this summer by Mrs. Linda Gardner July 30 – Aug 3.

o Registration is now open for children in Kindergarten - 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

# Principal's Report (Bill)

- 1) Staff Retiring:
  - O Linda Eilerman-33 years, Diane Meyer-22 years, Lori Mahorney-37 years
- 2) Staff who are not returning to St. Dominic-
  - O Christine Gilligan, Ginny Jones, Allison Lampe (Cardinal Pacelli), Kelly McCoy, Heather Pennington (St. Lawrence in Lawrenceburg, Indiana)
- 2.5) Denise Rodgers will be taking Linda Eilerman's place next year. Nancy Murray will be taking Ginny Jones place next year.
- 3)The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade positions have been listed on the Archdiocese website. I am in the process of setting up interviews to fill the positions.
- 4)Technology Committee is being created that will involve the staff to come up with a 3 year plan as well as address technology issues/needs in the school.
- 5)Technology Update-From Cindy Brick
  - \*3D Printing/Makers Empire: When students have completed their technology assignment I have students work on the Makers Empire software.
  - O I have several students' created objects ready to print. We will be printing these soon.
  - \*I received an email from Jeannette from Makers Empires regarding our saved projects that she is able to view. Here is the message she sent me:
    - "Hi Cindy, I am emailing you because we have noticed that you are doing some awesome things in your school with Makers Empire. We would love to share your experiences with our community."
  - o I also received a few lesson plans from Makers Empire that I have reviewed and downloaded.
  - \*I'm also explaining and working with the 7th and 8th grade students in google docs, even though we do not have the G Suite Classroom. Ordered new laptop pros for the jr. high for next year.
  - I use my gmail account to show the tools in google and if some students already have gmail
    accounts they are learning where to go to open and save files Online. Students that do not have
    gmail sit next to a student that does.
  - I am also introducing Microsoft OneNote Classroom and Teams to the 7 and 8th graders. I set up accounts for the students.
- 6)My thanks to our PTO, parents, and students who raised over \$18,000 for our WalK-A Thon last Friday. My thanks to Karen Awad and Julie Schloemer who co-chaired this event.
- 7)Summer School Renovations-1) Cafeteria-complete overhaul, rip out old ceiling, tie up wires, paint the ceiling, install ceiling fans. This is courtesy of the Vegas Night coordinated by the Men's Society
- 8)Classroom moves
  - o move Computer Lab to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.
  - O Move Kindergarten to the Primary Wing
  - O Moves of other rooms are getting finalized.
- Staff budget reductions were required per Finance Council.
  - O Art, Music and Technology teachers will go from 5 days to 4 days.
  - o 1 Teacher and 1 Aid in Kindergarten
  - O Library hours are going from 29 to 22 hrs.
  - O Able Readers Enrichment (Grades 1-3) will be picked up by Mrs White
  - Nancy Murray is going to Preschool Aid

- 8) Closing Prayer (8:45) 9) Adjournment
- 10) Next Meeting: Monday Sept 10, at 7pm