St. Dominic Education Commission
September 13, 2021

Attendance: Mike Stenger, Peter Gibbs, Christelle Middendorf, Joe Kruessel, Stephanie Singler (PTO), Nikki Servizzi, Jessica Remmel, Karen Brandstetter, Jessica Williams, Patrick Lahni, Jenny O'Brien

Absent: Mark Goins

1) Call to Order 7:03
2) Opening Prayer (Karen)
3) Approval of May minutes - unanimous approval
4) Old Business
    - Chromebook update status - 150 arriving 9/14. In classrooms by Friday 9/17. 200 on order for younger grades. Josh implementing software. Next, will be ordering 11 more charging carts so every classroom has one.
5) New Business
    - Welcome new Committee members (Christelle, Nikki)
    - Questions or concerns of By-Laws? - no concerns or questions.
6) Committee Reports

- **Faith Formation** (Brandstetter)
    - Mass starts Friday at school. ½ of students in church, ½ livestreaming.
        - 8th graders training to be Eucharist distributors for in class.
    - Preschool textbooks ordered. New series for K too. Supplemental texts also being ordered for 2nd grade sacraments.
    - PSR began yesterday.
    - RCIA begins this week (zoom). 2 young people who have never had church experience. 2 folks whose children made 1st communion last year.
    - Info goes out this week for 8th graders confirmation. Retreat scheduled October 11. (Virtual).
    - No plan to bring back servers at this time. Fr. Chris wants to wait longer.
- **PTO** (Singler)
    - $39,000+ balance
    - Mumkin sales ends tonight. Close to goal. Pickup on Sept 22nd 4-6...Ed Commission suggests PTO consider time needed to set up after Mums delivered and overlap with school dismissal.
    - Trunk R Treat Oct 21st. Car entries now being accepted. $1 entry fee or canned goods.
    - Nov. 5th Ladies night. $5 entry fee.
    - Book Fair 1st two weeks of Nov.
    - Membership and Party fees being collected through end of November.
- **Principal's Report** (O'Brien)
    - Topics of interest from Ed Commission

        - Covid related issues - numbers published weekly in parent press. ~38% of students are masking. Following Hamilton County guidelines. Triggering event could cause change in masking policy (e.g., necessary to go virtual, or staff out).
        - Government PPE loans/CARES Act funding status - loan we were provided were forgiven. Will cover social worker at school, who will assist families as liaison if homework/quarantining issues, etc.
            - CARES funding - dividers, finish A/C installations.
        - Capital Improvements Completed - bathrooms by gym retiled. Dividers coming.
        - Preschool update
            - New Director coming up to speed in new role
            - Jenny has a "two year vision" for meeting 5 star preschool requirements
            - Balancing Classroom numbers - balanced in a way that makes sense (even if numbers aren't exactly balanced) by age, etc.
        - Technology - Grades 5-8 is a graded class now, with curriculum.
        - Clubs coming back - Art Club, STEM Club, Blackhawk Singers, Frozen Jr. Musical
        - Paper Reduction goal - Report cards will be online only going forward, paper copies for end of year only.
        - Wellness Policy for Students in Handbook to be reviewed at end of year.
        - Any opportunities to speed up morning drop-off? Will be taken into consideration.
- **School Strategic Plan**
    - Formation of new comprehensive Strategic Plan - will rely on Jenny and Ed Commission team to decide a plan going forward
    - Academic Excellence (Peter)
        - Summarized list of high level goals from last plan - will decide as committee which ones to continue, which ones to move on since accomplished
            - Nikki suggested adding Student Engagement as another potential focus area for next plan (and mentioned opportunities for Professional Development classes in this area)
    - Marketing & Communication (Kruessel)
        - School Website - near ready to go. Live by end of year at latest. Branding will be needed eventually. Lots of bells and whistles, just need to decide what is used.
            - Imagery - get from yearbook, social media, video footage, etc.
            - Content - mostly uploaded. Still some to go.
        - Updated video - videographer will be coming back to shoot some additional footage (mass, Jenny, etc).
        - Next month's agenda - let's talk about branding.
        - Google ad grant available - ready to use once we're ready.
        - School Marketing committee is meeting 9/26

            - Joe will be invited to that meeting to demo website.
            - Open House will be discussed.
        - Teacher Engagement & Recognition (Williams and Remmel)
            - Will work with Jenny to decide plans/going forward.
        - Catholic Culture, Community & Family
            - Christelle Middendorf volunteered to be new liaison with Catholic Identity Committee at school going forward
            - Ensure we still focus on this pillar going forward
- **Tuition Credit** (Lahni)
    - 2020-2021 earnings - over $14,000
        - Should be disbursed to families
    - October 30th Kroger payout - $3,296
    - Sept 28 - Chipotle 5-9
    - October - looking into Marco's Pizza
    - Nov 16 - Frisch's 4-9

7) Next Meeting: Monday, October 11 at 7 pm, school library (a school holiday/day off, how Ed Commission will still meet)
8) Closing Prayer (Jenny)
9) Adjournment 8:45