

St. Mary Education Committee

September 23, 2020 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes via Zoom Conference Call due to COVID Pandemic

Members Present: Father Brad Whistle, April Dunn, Andrew DuPerrieu, James Paxton, Kelly Yazigi, Janet Vannatter, Jenny Nunley, Chris Miller, Ayana McKenzie, Brian Hayden, Michael Eck, and Stefanie Suazo.

Members Not Present:

St. Mary /Diocesan Staff Present: Eleanor Spry, Doug Shelton, Mary Smith, Ashely Wright, and Robin Mowers

Meeting Called to Order – 5:39 pm

Opening Prayer – Father Brad

Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Andrew DuPerrieu to approve the meeting minutes from August 26, 2020, and Kelly Yazigi, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Episcopal Vicar Updates – None

Administrator Updates -

Director Updates – Written report provided.

Elementary School – Written report provided.

High/Middle School – Written report provided.

Catholic Identify – No Report

Advancement and Enrollment – Written and Verbal. Viking Society visits have started and they are at over \$63k for this year. Enrollment is consistent and stable. Preschool has fluctuated some. Marketing is going to start changing the message in mid-October for those thinking about the next school year.

Building & Grounds – No report.

Finance Report – Approved by Finance Committee for August, Seconded by Ayana McKenzie.

Technology – No report

Booster club – No Report

New Business – The Honors Policy had a first reading. Faculty had input that students should not be allowed to have a D or F in the policy, and they wanted a minimum GPA for every year. This solves an issue with National Honor Society, and would still allow for them to be both, but not just an honor

graduate. Students would still earn the cord to wear at graduation. The committee recommends that all students be entered into the program, not just for the incoming freshman. There are no anticipated negative moves due to the change. If all students are allowed it would open up an opportunity for current seniors to graduate with honors where otherwise they would not have. The high school will also find better ways of reporting to parents on the status of their child progress in the program. First reading passes, with all aye votes. This must be approved by October 16th in order to be able to make effective for this school year. We will try and get the second reading into the Board training, otherwise a special meeting will be called in two weeks.

Board training will be scheduled for October 14th, 2020, at 5:30 pm.

Discussion around an Employee complaint regarding cancelling fall break occurred, and it was decided that we knew it was a tough unpopular decision to make, but we reached consensus to remove the week and the decision will remain. Janet will draft a response to the letter and send out to the Board for approval before sending.

Next Meeting October 28th at 5:30 pm.

Closing Prayer

Adjourned at 6:28 pm