

St. Mary Education Committee

August 24, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Father Brad Whistle, David Gavin, Krista Lea, Andrew DuPerrieu, Michael Eck, Jamie Paxton, April Dunn

Members Not Present: Chris Miller, Robbie Shoulta

St. Mary /Diocesan Staff Present: Monica Hayden, Mary Smith, Ashley Wright, Doug Shelton

Visitors Present:

Meeting Called to Order – 5:31 pm. Reminder on purpose of SMEC as a communication tool for the administration to talk to members that interact with different groups within the school system and disseminate information. Allows for feedback to administration in areas where we need direction.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Brad Whistle

Approval of Minutes – Minor corrections to the members present. Approved by consensus.

Episcopal Vicar Update – Fr. Brad expressed his gratitude to SMEC members, faculty, and staff for using their time and talents.

Administrator Updates –

Director Updates –

Mercy Health is building a new structure close to the school. It's a 19000 square foot building and we were given notice because we are a neighbor. They will have a meeting in case there are any concerns. Diocese will hold Rainbow Mass on September 14th for all students in the diocese. Will be held at the Owensboro sports center. We can't get a city bus because it would have to be back by 1:30 and this isn't possible. Will have to charter a bus at a cost of \$3,000, which had been put in EANS account for student activities. We will send a select group of students to represent the school. The orchestra will attend and the middle school has to do readings so probably 5th grade students. Will take some other student leaders, to be determined. It is called the Rainbow Mass because students wear their uniforms and it shows all the different schools. Commander Farrell (USS Constitution), a SMS alumni, will be at the school Tuesday the 30th. She will speak to the elementary school students after mass. Will then come speak to the middle and high school students and the US government class.

Auxiliary gym fencing to go up the day after Labor Day. Plans have to be approved at State level. Safety committee informational meeting next week. Lots of interest and should be well attended. Want representation from the schools and a faculty or staff member from each of the buildings. New gym should be finished on about the same timeline as before, pushed back according to the delayed start.

Elementary School –

First days of school have gone well. Pleased with the new staff in Pre-k and elementary. Had the first mass in the gym this week with very good parent participation. MAP testing has started, along with resource needs evaluations. Have Rosary planned in the first of September.

High/Middle School - Written report provided

6th grade transition is going well. Paid special attention to this transition. School spirit is something that should be K-12. Pushing attendance to all sporting events. Pick up has been challenging because part of the loop is blocked, which is backing traffic up onto Elmdale Road. Only blocked for a short amount of time but this is still a concern. Encouraging parents to park in the lot and not just wait in the pickup line. Will be putting up temporary handicapped parking signs to account for the spots blocked by construction.

Reports Continued:

Catholic Identity – No report

Advancement and Enrollment - PowerPoint Presentation

Building & Grounds –

Have two quotes for repairs to the Chapel HVAC unit. Alpha Mechanical and Jett's. Wide discrepancy between the quotes so we asked for clarification to make sure the scope was the same for both projects. Jett's quote is cheaper. Don't want to damage relationship with Alpha who has serviced our systems for years. Jett does have HVAC for the auxiliary gym and is also a school family with a student in 7th grade. \$7,500 towards the cost would be donated if Jett does the work, which makes using Jett about half the cost of Alpha. Alpha is going to do the work on the HVAC in the commons, which is approved with EANS money. Discussion on where we get money for larger repairs. These aren't budgeted. Would like to see maintenance dollars budgeted in the future so we don't have to worry about finding funding where there are needed repairs. Annual fund is supposed to cover non-designated expenses. How do we get donations for maintenance expenditures.

Finance Report – No report

Technology – No report

Booster Club – No report

Old Business -

Next Meeting September 28 2022, at 5:30

Closing Prayer

Adjourned at 6:33 pm