

St. Mary Education Committee

September 28, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Father Brad Whistle, David Gavin, Stefanie Wilcox, Krista Lea, Michael Eck, Jamie Paxton, Colleen Stovesand, Chris Miller, Robbie Shoulta

Members Not Present: Andrew DuPerrieu, Beth Kaufman, April Dunn

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

Visitors Present: David Kessler

Meeting Called to Order – 5:31 pm

Opening Prayer – Fr. Brad Whistle

We have two new SMEC Members. Colleen Stovesand and Beth Kaufman (non-Catholic member).

Approval of Minutes – Stefanie Wilcox was present at the August meeting. Approved by consensus.

Episcopal Vicar Update – No report

Administrator Updates –

Director Updates – Had safety meeting after last SMEC meeting. Was well attended – about 24 people in attendance. Broke into 3 subcommittees. Have a group working on access - key access to getting in and door for the buildings. A group for general safety – classroom, perimeter, general safety. A group for emergency planning and disaster recovery. 4-5 people in each group. Once we have an action plan then we will have a group focus on funding.

Commander Farrell, an alum, came and talked to the students.

The school year has been off to a good start. Very positive start so far.

Elementary School – Written Report

High/Middle School – Update provided on pick up issues. Key was to get the kids out the door a few minutes earlier, along with people making adjustments so they didn't wait in the line. No more issues with traffic backing up onto Elmdale.

Sports teams having a lot of success. Volleyball has a winning record. Golf team beat McCracken in regionals. Renewed enthusiasm around sports, which feeds into the school day.

Grandparents' Mass was well attended. Attendance at events in general seems to be up.

Reports Continued:

Catholic Identity – No report

Advancement and Enrollment - Written Report Provided.

Annual fund is on a fiscal year. Annual report to be sent out after Fall Break. Fundraising is on pace with last year (attached chart).

STM has asked for a list of capital needs for the school. A list is being provided to the capital campaign committee for STM.

An update was provided on the auction. Still in need of volunteers to work. Anticipating a big crowd this year.

Building & Grounds –

Met with contractor for the auxiliary gym. The plans have been rejected. We're hoping this is due to some missing information with regard to the existing building because the new building will be attached to the existing building, and isn't a stand-alone structure. Doing as much work as possible, but can't lay the foundation until the plans are approved.

Chapel HVAC has been repaired. HVAC in commons has been submitted as part of EANS. Can't do that work while school is in session. Lighting and ceilings have been done in boys and girls locker rooms. A contractor is working on a quote for the sound system for the commons, the high school gym, and the elementary school gym. Sound systems will be covered by EANS.

Finance Report –

June, July, and August financials approved by consensus.

Technology – No report

Booster Club – No report

Old Business -

David Kessler, Superintendent of Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools, provided School Council Training to all members present.

Next Meeting October 26 2022, at 5:30

Closing Prayer

Adjourned at 6:26 pm