

## St. Dominic Education Commission September 14, 2020

Attendance: Mike Liderbach, Joe Kruessel, Karen Brandstetter, Bill Kavanaugh, Mike Stenger, Michelle Korb, Rachel Hasselbeck, Jessica Williams, Patrick Lahni, Peter Gibbs, Kim Leubbering, Josh Shortt, Jessica Rimmel

Absent: Mark Goins

- 1) Call to Order (7:00)
- 2) Opening Prayer (Bill)
- 3) Approval of May minutes - **approved by unanimous consent**
- 4) Election Updates/New Members (7:05)
  - Determine 2020/2021 Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary
    - **Mike Liderbach to continue as Secretary**
    - **Peter Gibbs to continue as Chair**
    - **Mike Stenger to serve as Vice Chair**
- 7) Old Business
  - **No old business**
- 8) New Business
  - Technology Coordinator/Teacher Introduction and Technology Curriculum Plans (Josh Shortt) (7:10-7:30)
    - **Order has been placed for 200 Chromebooks, doesn't quite get the school to 1:1**
    - **Intend to incorporate coding, 3D printing in addition to keyboard and general computer skills.**
    - **Web site update/revamp is in scope for the year**
  - **School looking for assistance with painting project, for recess games**
- 9) Committee Reports
  - **PTO (Korb/Hasselbeck) - 10 min**
    - **Purchased canopies outside the gym, decals for flooring and posters to encourage distancing, thermometers for teachers and staff, instruments and tools for music classes**
    - **Bought doughnuts for students in September, instead of breakfast social**
    - **Limited resources due to loss of Walkathon in Spring 2020, unable to anticipate fundraising income with confidence this year**
    - **Magazine drive is beginning, planning December Split The Pot, looking into other possible fundraisers**
    - **Unlikely to offer hot lunch, but likely to do ice cream sales**
    - **Continuing Wednesday Wow treats once each month**
    - **Will still have room parents to coordinate parties, but materials will be handed off to teachers (parents not allowed in building)**
  - **School Strategic Plan - 30 min**
    - **2020/2021 plans, re-prioritization and subcommittee leads (Peter)**
      - **Postponed to next meeting, members encouraged to familiarize with Focals**
    - **Iowa/Blue Ribbon presentation (Ken Streder)**

- Review of school's Iowa performance in 2017, 2018, 2019 (2020 scores unavailable due to interruption from COVID)
  - Mixed results comparing YOY and vs Archdiocese depending on grade, subject
  - No evidence of impact from % of Ed Choice students
  - Copies of analysis are available upon request
- **Principal's Report (Bill) - 30 min**
  - School restart updates, etc (including updates from school nurse)
  - Morning drop off procedures
    - Continuing to evaluate process, consider alternatives
    - School has asked Delhi Police for traffic assistance, PD has so far chosen a passive role
- **Tuition Credit (Lahni) - 5 min**
  - 2019-2020 Shoparoo check still missing. Program discontinued, generated ~\$800 revenue per year
  - ~\$120 from Remke
  - \$3282.16 received from Kroger, 548 households. No longer appears on receipt, leading families to incorrectly think they've been removed from program
  - No update on Amazon Smile
  - Restaurant fundraisers TBD
- **Faith Formation - 5 min**
  - First Communion
    - Sept 19 for 3rd grade (didn't have it in Spring per usual). Restricting # of guests, no procession, no group picture
  - Beginning conversations about December Confirmation (12/1)
    - Looking for service opportunities to recommend that don't require in-person interaction
    - Won't have sponsors dinner, retreat will be remote

10) Next Meeting Monday, October 12th at 7pm in school library.

11) Closing Prayer

12) Adjournment (9:00)

## Principal's Report

1. Enrollment as of 9/14/20 by grade level

|           | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Preschool | 61        | 47        |
| K-8       | 347       | 358       |

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| Total | 408 | 405 |
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## 2. New Teachers/Staff for 2020-2021 School Year

- Mr. Josh Shortt - Technology Coordinator
- Mr. Mitch Ward - 8th Grade Religion, 8th/7th Grade English
- Mr. Brad Ohmer - 1st grade (Last school year Brad taught in our Preschool Program)
- Mr. Mike Williams - Preschool Teacher (Last school year Mike worked as an aide in our Preschool Program)
- Mrs. Amy Walter - Preschool Aide (Amy will also be on our substitute teacher list)
- Ms. Mia Roth - "Floater" in the Preschool.
- Mrs. Stephanie Sitzler - School's only secretary due to budget as well as streamlining the office to become more efficient

## 3. Program Change

Mrs. Teepen will be teaching Advanced Reading to 7th & 8th Grade this year instead of the Able Reader Program (K-3 grades) as well continuing to teach the Advanced Math Program for Grades 5-8.

- Reinstating Advanced Reading is part of the Strategic Plan
- Concerns raised about eliminating Able Reader program. Discussions are in process to add enrichment to Library specials.

## 4. Building/Outside Improvements

- Air Conditioning - Grades K-8 have window AC units installed in each classroom!!! Preschool and Auxiliary classroom air conditioning units have been ordered and we are waiting for them to arrive so they can be installed.
- Art Room - New chairs, tables, and bookcases have been ordered and are in the process of being set up in the Art Room. Also, new windows and blinds were installed as well.
- Three portable sinks were paid for by our PTO for the Preschool.
- All three Preschool rooms were repainted to a warmer/less stimulating color.
- The Men's Society laid sod down in the Preschool play area, put it into place, and smoothed it out a few weeks ago.
- The Men's Society donated drinks and snacks for the teachers and staff before school started. The teachers and staff were so appreciative!!!

## 5. Technology Update

- Staff received 6 hours of training regarding Google Classroom in the summer, taught by Sarah Keller. Josh Shortt reached out to her and she came for two 3 hour sessions that she tailored directly to the staff's needs regarding Google Classroom.

- i. Ongoing support available to teachers, may also make resources available to parents.
  - ii. Intent is for teachers in grades 3-8 to manage assignments, communication through Google Classroom.
- Twenty eight new computers are coming from Fuller for the Computer Lab. Mr. Shortt and Fuller are working out the details for delivery, installations, etc. The order for 200 computers were placed in July through auxiliary funds. Due to demand, the computers will not be arriving until January 2021.

#### 6. School Mass

- School is pursuing several options to resume mass while maintaining necessary distance.
- Considering a live stream, but encountered technical difficulties in preliminary testing efforts
- Concerns about 5th grade teachers showing popular movies in lieu of mass time. Commission recommends other devotional activity (e.g., rosary)