

# Education Advisory Committee Meeting

September 8, 2020

UNAPPROVED

**Mr. Michel, Mrs. Kallhoff, Sandy Bauer, Adam Heinitz, Danny Geraets, Tami Schwebach, and Karey Klein were present.**

Adam Heinitz called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with Mr. Michel leading us in prayer.

Previous meetings minutes were reviewed.

Danny motioned and Sandy seconded to approve previous meeting minutes. All voting aye, motion passed.

## **Administrative Report**

\* The year is off to a great start, and teachers, students, and staff are all doing well following through with Return to Learn plan guidelines. The general sense and feedback from community members is that St. Mary has achieved an appropriate balance between safety and normalcy. We will continue to be vigilant and will adjust as needed.

\* We have two new 8<sup>th</sup> grade students joining us this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Please visit [http://www.drstmary.org/Calendars/calendar/Monthly\\_Calendars.html](http://www.drstmary.org/Calendars/calendar/Monthly_Calendars.html)

## **Old Business**

- None

## **Committee Reports**

**Marketing & Retention:** There is consensus that now is the time to invest in marketing. We will want collateral (printed material, viewbook) for impending campaign. Other considerations should include professional video production about St. Mary. This could be used for enrollment of new families, campaign, social media, etc. A question was asked about expanding the reach of the Cardinal Connection to full school and parish.

**Finance:** In Father's absence, monthly budget numbers were not available.

**Policy & Curriculum:** No Updates

**Facilities:** A meeting is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion on new facilities and a potential campaign. Dr. Lorang and Mr. Althoff will attend to provide input and direction on how to move forward.

### **New Business**

- **Volleyball Match with Public School:** Based on extra interest in this game, EAC recommends pre-ticketing for this event to manage capacity. Mr. Michel will allot 4 tickets per player to each school. Schools can determine how to distribute those tickets.
- **Church Bulletin and St. Mary School News:** Continued conversation about how we might primarily include information regarding faith-based school activities in the church bulletin. This is a way to communicate to a broader audience and promote St. Mary to young families.
- **Supervision of Students at Home Football Games:** There is concern that the number of young students (K-6) who are playing football and unsupervised by parents at home football games has reached a tipping point. The fear of injury, lost children, proximity to the river, etc. create a stressful environment for St. Mary game administrators. It is recommended that outside footballs should no longer be allowed. In addition, the open gate behind the Crow's Nest should be addressed to keep young children from exiting near the river.
- **Teachers designated Essential Workers:** EAC supports the notion that educators are essential workers. With that designation, employees not showing symptoms can continue to perform their duties in a safe and responsible way.

Next meeting will be Tuesday October 13th, 2020 at 4:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Tammy motioned and Sandy seconded to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.