Education Commission Meeting Minutes 5/11/22

May 11, 2022 - 7:00pm

Education Commission Meeting

School Conference Room

Attendees: Marianne Rosemond, Michelle Baldwin, Beth Joecken, Beth Phillips, Missy

Tepe, Karen Foland

Absent: Chris Betz (stepping down)

- 1. Welcome/Prayer
- 2. Approved Minutes from Prior Ed Comm Meeting
 - a. Removed details from scholarship/tuition grant discussion for posting to website
- **3.** Principal's Report Marianne Rosemond
 - a. Plan for Scholarship/Tuition Grant Money
 - i. Considering "Spirit of St. A" tuition grants at end of year (teacher nominated)
 - ii. \$2500 new donation plus approximately \$9000 existing funds
 - **b.** Update on Summer Camps
 - i. 29 total kids for cheerleading, playground games and science/math escape
 - ii. Mixed grades
 - iii. Can be used as marketing tool
 - iv. Miss Berling doing informal summer reading and trivia activities
 - v. Suggestion to utilize parent volunteers to run future summer camps
 - c. Enrollment Update
 - i. Trending up (+13 over this year's enrollment)
 - ii. Currently 367 enrolled for next year plus 3 enrolling next week=370
 - iii. K-38, 1st-42, 2nd-41, 3rd-42, 4th-40, 5th-39, 6th-31, 7th-51, 8th-43
 - iv. Only losing a few current students
 - d. Cool the School
 - i. Getting close to goal for phase 1...still need approx \$30k
 - ii. Music Fest proceeds should get us to phase 1 goal
- 4. Iowa Results
 - **a.** Reviewed trends in scores for each grade level
 - **b.** All grades are trending above grade level
 - c. Computation scores were lower than desired in certain grades
 - i. Plan to remedy this with simple solutions type math review each day
 - **d.** Suggestion to incorporate test taking strategies into curriculum for each grade level (circling/underlining key words in questions, process of elimination, etc)
 - i. Could help students perform better on classroom tests as well as standardized tests
 - **e.** Miss Rosemond plans to request data on HSPT scores to determine how St. A performed in comparison to other schools
- **5.** Ed Comm Membership and Webpage Discussion
 - **a.** Discussed whether to replace Allison Hinker and Chris Beta with two new members
 - i. Decided to hold for now with current group as an advisory board for the school until new pastor takes over

- ii. Marianne will ask webmaster to remove Allison and Chris from Ed Comm website
- **b.** Future Ed Comm meetings will be put on calendar of school newsletter to inform school families who may want to attend
- **6.** Bullying
 - **a.** Circle of Grace Program to cover social, emotional, bullying issues and will start next year
 - **b.** Books have been ordered to be covered in religion class
- **7.** Professional Development Update
 - **a.** On site portion of writing PD was very helpful teachers met in grade bands and were able to model what they learned
 - b. Next years focus is on differentiation within language arts and writing
 - i. Currently, we differentiate in math & independent reading, but would like to expand to writing and LA
- **8.** Agenda items for next meeting (set for 9-21-22):
 - **a.** Invite new pastor to attend
 - **b.** Set Ed Comm meeting dates for the year
 - c. Approve Minutes from prior Ed Comm meeting for posting on website