

Education Commission Meeting Minutes 11-16-22

November 16, 2022 - 7:00pm

Education Commission Meeting

School Conference Room

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

Absent: Karen Foland (schedule conflict), Missy Tepe (sick)

1. Welcome/Prayer
2. Approved Minutes from Prior Ed Comm Meeting
 - a. Beth Joecken will send to Marianne to ask webmaster to post to school website
3. Principal's Report - Marianne Rosemond
 - a. Enrollment Update
 - i. Current enrollment 368 (lost 5 due to moving, attendance issues)
 - ii. Ended last year at 357 so still a net gain over last year
 - iii. Trending up - expecting a good size Kindergarten class for next year (26 already registered)
 - iv. Graduating 39 8th graders and projecting around 50 Kindergarten for next year for expected net gain for 2023/24
 - v. May gain some enrollment from Beacons of Light; moving from other schools in our parish family to St. A - have had some families from other parishes tour our school
 - b. Tuition for 2023-2024
 - i. Tuition will go up \$100 per family next year
 - ii. Tuition will still be in line with other schools in our area
 - c. Beacons of Light Update
 - i. Nothing will change for schools for next year
 - ii. Parish offices moving to Lourdes; this will not affect school operations at this time
 - iii. State of our Family of Parishes report shows St. A school is 97% Catholic; other schools are much less; St. A had 44 First Communicants; more than double that of other parishes in our parish family
 - d. Conferences
 - i. Went well
 - ii. Marianne prefers 6wk vs 12wk timing to allow time for adjustment
 - e. Lockdown
 - i. Carried out with no issue
4. Handbook Review - Will discuss more in depth at next meeting
 - a. Uniform Policy
 - i. Need more clearly defined guidelines
 - ii. Faculty needs to come to a consensus on expectations for out of uniform days, and what is allowed vs prohibited (ex. Leggings)
 - iii. Skorts - Marianne would like to see these allowed as an alternative to shorts during warmer months only rather than a year-round option (Note: This had been the policy years ago but had been relaxed in recent years)

- iv. Spirit shop is looking into embroidered polo option
 - 5. Review of Ed Comm Bylaws
 - a. Tabled - Will discuss at a future meeting once Beacons of Light has been more clearly defined
 - 6. Agenda for Next Meeting (2/2/23)
 - a. Handbook Review
 - i. Uniform Policy
 - ii. General Handbook Review
 - b. State Legislation for Dyslexia/New Reading Standards
 - i. Will St. A be subject to these standards?
 - ii. Science of Reading Professional Development options - will St. A utilize?