

## ST. MARY'S EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS COMMITTEE MINUTES

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Parish Meeting Room at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., August 17, 2021
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer.
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Blair Folkens, Adam Armbruster, Nikki Fischer, Jenny Miller, Matt Grausam and Peter Roufs;  
Absent: George Schwint, Randy Sellner, Dan Davis
  3. June minutes were approved.
  4. August agenda was approved.
- B. Enrichment ~ none
- C. Action Items
1. Mission Statement ~ New Mission Statement was accepted, "*St. Mary's Catholic School guides students to form an authentic relationship with God while achieving academic excellence to live as faithful disciples of Christ.*"
  2. Philosophy statement ~ will need to be revised with Accreditation process by end of 2021-22
  3. Membership Guidelines ~ guidelines were reviewed & members signed confidentiality statement; Self-evaluations were handed out to all present
  4. Election of Officers ~ Sara Nosbush-Chair; Blair Folkens-Vice-Chair; Nikki Fischer- Secretary
  5. MNSSA update ~ Accredited for 2021-22 with no recommendations for changes; In the 3rd year of plan with emphasis on technology advancement K-12 & orientation of new families
  6. E & C Policies ~ Motion by Blair Folkens, second by Jenny Miller to approve the policies
  7. Coop Gymnastics ~ with Redwood Falls (no Motion needed)
  8. Coop Hockey ~ Approved by E & C Committee, awaiting approval from all other schools involved  
St. Mary's: We approve the dissolution of the existing New Ulm Girls Hockey Cooperative, of which we are members, in order to start a new Girls Hockey Cooperative with the addition of Redwood Valley.
  9. Staff Updates ~ Barb Pelzel-Kindergarten; Anne Hansen-4th Grade; Angie Tauer-MS/HS Science; Edmee Paredes-Spanish; Fr. Steffl-Theology, Sr. Cecilia-Theology; McKenzie Hoffmann-Resource/Keyboarding (25 hours/week)
  10. Building Updates ~ Delays in material arrivals (Air Conditioning & Paint); Asbestos removal; Drinking fountains; Cafeteria AC; HS Locker Rooms remodeled; 31 Security Cameras added; HS Library renovation; New sidewalk in front of school/football field & new fence
  11. COVID plans update - NU Diocese guidelines ~ Federal Mandate requires masks on school buses; Any confirmed cases need to reported to the State (MN Dept. of Health)
  12. Other items ~ Adam Armbruster voiced his concerns with COVID and the new Delta variant and highly encouraged vaccinations & masking if needed along with continuing educating the students about the facts/statistics behind COVID.
- D. Staff Reports
1. Grade/High School ~ 7 new students; Shulz Foundation-matching grant proposal
  2. Religious Education ~ Valley Fair trip (Aug. 12th) went well; Next year moved back to July
  3. Pastor/Superintendent ~ Fr. Mark reported about the start of Adult Education on Mary and "That Man is You" starting up in September; Religious Ed will be held in Sleepy Eye, Comfrey and Morgan (Leavenworth is not hosting a program this year)
  4. Financial ~ Matt went through his report (HANDOUT) and commented on the wonderful support we have received from our Alumni.
- E. Future Meeting Date ~ Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - 5:30 PM, Parish Meeting Room
- F. Adjournment ~ 7:05 p.m.
- G. Prayer ~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroeffer