

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

- A. Called to order by Sara Nosbush in the St. Mary's Social Room at 5:30 p.m. on Tues., August 9th, 2022
1. Prayer ~ Fr. Mark Steffl led prayer
  2. Roll call ~ Present: Fr. Mark Steffl, Sara Nosbush, Nikki Fischer, Blair Folkens, Matt Grausam, Jenny Miller, Amber Schroepfer, George Schwint, Randy Sellner and Peter Roufs;  
Absent: Sam Rosemeier
  3. June minutes were approved.
  4. August agenda was approved.
- B. ENRICHMENT ~ Nikki shared some treats with the committee.
- C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Mission Statement...updated handout was given to all the members
  2. Membership Guidelines...updated handouts were given to all the members
  3. Election of Officers...Chair-Sara Nosbush (elected to 2nd term, ending in 2025); Vice Chair-Blair Folkens; Secretary-Nikki Fischer; Motioned and approved.
  4. MNSAA Updates...Peter reported on the additions to the strategic plan to qualify for accreditation. Three goals were mentioned including: outdoor classroom, phonics/Elementary; extended learning plan
  5. Staff Updates...Resource Room (primarily Elementary), Crystal Ibberson; Choir, Rebecca Visser; 4th Grade, Shelley Roufs; 5th Grade, Ashley Walters; Theology 8 (one section), Fr. Tanner Thooft; Spanish, Marie Guggisberg; Theology 11, Sr. Cora Marie; Theology 12, Sr. Agnes Pia; Theology 11/12 Thursday sub, Katie Kober
  6. Building Updates...Peter reported that 10 Smart Boards are installed; Outdoor classroom is in progress; Playground equipment needs to be put together; AC unit for office is installed (Clements acquisition, along with the AC unit in the cafeteria); School elevator plan is complete, installation TBD in 2023.
  7. CSCOE (Catholic School Center of Excellence)...goal is to help catholic schools achieve increased enrollment & excellence; CSCOE is expecting to expand to outlying dioceses of MN; Dr. Nolan's presentation is covered through CSCOE, in which one of its sponsors is the Shulze Foundation. Presentation videos will be available once/month geared to separate audiences (student, parent, staff) on topics such as mental health. The student portion will be added to the Theology curriculum, with possible viewing on Mass days, when the class times may be shorter and hence be able to facilitate a video.
  8. Curriculum proposal...Peter proposed a way to open up the high school schedule. As of now there are 8 periods (including one study hall & one for theology). Proposal is to reduce the PE/Health requirement of taking it two years, to one year. Making PE-10th grade an elective, and combining the health curriculum into one year in 9th grade, along with PE. This would align with what public schools require, and would open up the schedule to allow students to hopefully be able to get more of their requests/electives, and still be able to get all the required courses in.
  9. Football consolidation recap...this fall (2022), JH will combine with SEPS (Co-Coaches Tyler Jensen & Craig Murphy). Games will all be at SEPS, (due to the 9-man set-up at SMS currently) with practices at SMS. In 2023, time will be split between both schools, as the SMS field will get back to the 11-man configuration and the high school level of football will be combined. (Also noted that in Fall 2023, the high school football practices will all be at SEPS, and the games will be split between the two fields-SMS & SEPS.)  
SMS 2022 football coaches (Kevin Currans, Gary Kosak, Cole McKeown, Mark Simon, Mark Schwartz) and the SMS team started a week early, "0" week.
- D. STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. School~Peter reported that PreK-3 year olds will meet (W,F) from 8-10:30 AM (extended ½ hour); PreK-4 year olds will have 1 section (M,T,W-pm,R); JoAnn Schumacher, PreK teacher, will also help in Kindergarten in the afternoon as her schedule allows; Latchkey program was mentioned, but was looked at a few years ago, and was determined then that it was not feasible.
  2. Religious Education~ Fr. Steffl read Samuel Rosemeier's report aloud; St. Paul's, Comfrey is trying to find solutions to provide for students. (Leavenworth pulled out of co-op, as they only had 2 students, as the others were enrolled at SMS.); Confirmation retreat is set for Saturday, Oct. 1st. If students have conflicts, other options will be made available to them to attend another retreat.

3. Pastor/Superintendent~Fr. Steffl reported that with the Bishop installation on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, there will be no school; Adult Education (St. Paul's letters to the Romans) is finishing up and was well attended; CSCOE goals by Fr. Steffl: 1) Increasing enrollment to SMS from surrounding parishes; 2) Bridge gap with hispanic community (making all feel welcome to attend SMS, and not have it depend entirely on finances); 3) Keeping teacher/staff salary competitive (2022-23 salaries were increased by 12%)
4. Financial~Matt went through his report with the committee
5. Other committee reports, comments from E & C Members~none

D. FUTURE AGENDA

1. MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church Parish Meeting Rm
2. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Current goals of E & C members

E. PRAYER~ Fr. Steffl led prayer.

F. ADJOURNMENT~ 6:51 PM

Respectfully submitted, Marti Schroeffer