

St. Columban Parish – Education Commission

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 6, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Adrienne Stella

Opening Prayer: Stephanie Quehl

Attending: Jo Rhoten, Adrienne Stella, Father Larry, Joe Crachiolo, Nick Warnecke, Katie Marshall, Christine Hiller, Andrea Flagg, Becky Noel, Jenn Stacey, Stephanie Quehl

Approval of February Minutes: Approved via email

Updates

A) Parish Council: John Zazycki via email update

- Building and Grounds group is currently prioritizing projects
- LED project is moving along – 75% of school has been converted to LED
- Network architect is developing a plan for strengthening the WiFi

B) PTO: Sarah Thompson via email update

- Open positions for next year are Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary
- In mid to late May, PTO will be sending out some teasers for next year's fundraiser
- Next meeting is Friday, March 9.

C) Pastoral: Father Larry

- Asked the Commission to keep in their prayers a parishioner that recently took his life. He has three children
- There was a leak in the West Wing of the Church. An architect found that above the ceiling near the family room and restrooms was not insulated. Because of this, the cold air of the winter was blowing right on the pipes, causing them to freeze. The work to insulate the area will most likely take place closer to June, due to all of the upcoming events at church
- The Holy Family has been moved. Work is being done to construct a floor to ceiling, stacked stone Grotto in the same area. There will be lighting throughout the stones, angled in different directions, slips of paper to write your intentions and place them in the wall much like the Wailing Wall, and candles will be on ledges. They hope to be done with the work by May.

D) School: Jo Rhoten

- There are a lot of upcoming events
 - 1) March 7th is a two hour webinar with Option C, the new database company
 - 2) March 8th is the 7th grade Passion Play

- 3) March 9th is the 3v3 Basketball tournament for Uganda. Sister Janet had recently come to talk about all the help St. Columban has given to Uganda and thank the school.
 - 4) March 10th is the District Science Fair
 - 5) March 14th and 15th is First Grade Readiness Screening and screening for any incoming Kindergartners
 - 6) March 16th is the Mission Walk
 - 7) March 17th is Confirmation
 - 8) March 18th is the Easter Egg Hunt at Bobcat Field at 1:00 PM
 - 9) March 19th – March 23rd are conferences
 - 10) March 20th is author visit, Dave Fitzsimmons
 - 11) March 22nd – March 25th are the Drama Club performances of Shrek
 - 12) March 30th – April 8th is Easter Break
 - 13) April 3rd – April 5th is NCEA
 - 14) April 9th, 10th, 11th and 13th is Kindergarten screening
 - 15) April 12th is Pre-K screening
 - 16) April 17th is All About Jr High Night
 - 17) April 25th – 27th is Camp Kern for 7th grade
 - 18) April 28th and 29th is First Communion
- There are 20 students that haven't committed to return to St. Columban as of the cut off date for enrollment. However, the enrollment number is right on target.

E) Social Emotional Committee: Katie Marshall

- No updates at this time
- Next meeting is April 11th

F) School Building/Grounds Subcommittee: Nick Berning via Adrienne

- Still working on a prioritized list of needs and will meet with Patrick

G) Tuition Assistance Fund: Adrienne Stella

- Bunco Night is being worked on for April 20th
- Because of the extra box added to student registration forms for a one-time donation to the Tuition Assistance Fund, there was \$2,400 donated to Tuition Assistance and one family donated a full tuition

New Business

A) School Safety: Jenn Stacey and Nick Warnecke

- In light of the recent school shootings, some parents had some concerns and questions about school safety at St. Columban.
- Some parents are very anxious and feel that, because there isn't a Board of Education like Loveland City Schools, the sole responsibility of safety at St. Columban in these situations shouldn't fall on the Principal and Vice Principal

- Parents would like to support the administration in any way they can and be part of a conversation and solution by helping gather resources from the community that may help with safety.
- St. Columban does have safety plans in place and works closely with the Loveland Police Department to ensure that all staff and students are properly and thoroughly trained in the event that such an emergency occurs.
- An informational meeting will be set up for parents to attend, where they can get some basic information

B) Officer Nominations

- Ballots were handed out to nominate officers for the Commission next year.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2018; 7-8:30 P.M.

Closing Prayer: Nick Warnecke

8:38 P.M.