

Education Commission Minutes of Meeting

Date: October 19, 2019

Venue: Holy Angels School Library

Attendees: Tonya Forbes, Becky Barr, Deacon Tim White, Jill Holubetz, Michael Minnahan, Nick Villalpando, Jeff Roberts

Minutes Taken: Tonya Forbes

Topic	Initiated By	Discussion Item	Decision	Action Needed	Deadline
Opening Prayer	Deacon Tim				
Entrance exam for transfer students	Junior High Teachers	Should there be an entrance exam for upper grade students who transfer to Holy Angels to measure students' skills and help teachers evaluate how ready students are for Holy Angels learning expectations?	Teachers should create an exam that can be used in conjunction with report cards and parent interview to help determine proper placement of a transfer student.	Meet with junior high teachers to create an entrance test. Assess current students with the test to determine an average score for a Holy Angels student.	2/20/20
Limiting access to Schoolspeak for 4th & 5th grade	Tonya Forbes	Should access be limited to Schoolspeak for 4th & 5th grades to reduce anxiety about grades and assignments?	Access should continue as is.	At Curriculum Night, stress that Schoolspeak is a tool that is used to communicate progress with parents and that the purpose is not to create an undue burden on students.	09/21/20

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IOWA Testing Results	Tonya Forbes	School results were shared with Commission. Overall, the school does well on this standardized test with most grades scoring at the 85th percentile in reading and math.	Publish data for parents.	Publish data for parents.	11/25/19
Behavioral Referral System	Mary Panizzi	Should the school adopt a more proactive program created by Mrs. Panizzi to combat misbehavior?	The school should implement the ideas to redirect behavior in a more positive way. The program's components are is acknowledgement of the behavior, goal-setting, reflection, and accountability between student and teachers.	Seek Fr. Lavan's approval. Implement program with Mrs. Panizzi spearheading the discussions about positive choices with students referred to the program.	10/28/19
Science Curriculum	Tonya Forbes	Should the online program used in 4th & 5th grades (Stemscopes) be replaced with a traditional textbook series?	Since students need to be prepared for the rigors of junior high science comprehension, a textbook should be adopted. It will also be easier for parents to help students with studying to have a textbook.	Order samples of various textbook series. Gather input from grades 3-5 teachers. Purchase new science books.	11/25/19

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Mentorship Program	Becky Barr	Could the older students participate in helping younger students with their schoolwork? Possibly during recess time?	This idea should be explored in more depth.	Discuss with teachers at next staff meeting how to accomplish this idea.	11/13/19
Boosterthon Program	Jeff Roberts	Is there anyway to customize the fun run especially in the area of credit card fees so that the school does not have to pay these fees?	Pursue customizing the program for more profit.	Review the contract with the finance director. Discuss the contract with Boosterthon,.	12/1/19
Reflex Math	Jeff Roberts	On the weekly timed math facts tests, have there been any differences in scores with the new Reflex Math program vs. Xtra Math?	Students are more engaged with Reflex. Data should be tracked on progress.	Gather math data from teachers with Mr. Mayer tracking data for the school.	6/1/20

EC Members: Deacon Tom White, Jeff Roberts, Bridget Stanislo, Stephanie Hipp, Becky Barr, Nathan Powell, Nick Villalpando, Michael Minnihan, Jill Holubetz