

St. Mary Education Committee

February 28, 2024- 5:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Stefanie Wilcox, Colleen Stovesand, Amanda Wurth, Father Brad Whistle, Andrew DuPerrieu, Paul Humm, Kristen Stone, Michael Eck

Members Not Present: David Gavin, Chris Miller, Krista Lea

St. Mary/Diocesan Staff Present: Monica Hayden, Ashley Wright, Robin Mowers, Doug Shelton, Mary Smith

Meeting Called to Order: 5:32 pm

Approval of Minutes: Approved by Consensus

Episcopal Vicar Update: No report

Administrative Updates

Director Updates – Written with comments.

Strategic plan invitations for the April retreat have been sent out. In process of obtaining costs for soccer field improvements.

Elementary School - Written

Academic Team moving on to Regionals. ACRE tests recently taken by 5th graders.

Middle/High School – Written

Every middle schooler completed their 4H Speeches, several moving on to district/regional competitions. Faculty watched documentary “Childhood 2.0” to consider challenges/dangers/differences in youth development of the current generation.

Committee Reports

Advancement/Enrollment – Written

St. Pius X in Calvert City will be providing subsidy for parishioners for students wanting to come to St. Mary.

Buildings and Grounds – Written. See Director’s Report.

Safety- Written. See Director’s Report.

Finance Report –

Finances approved from November and December 2023 Financials. Approval of January 2024 Financials postponed and to be reviewed next meeting.

Booster Club –

Forming a committee for banners to get more businesses support. Now using Autopay to pay officials.

Old Business -

New Business –

- Approval of tuition increase to 4% for 2024-2025 school year, K – 12. Tuition increase will cover teachers' salaries and get them to 80% of salaries of public-school teachers. Finance committee thorough and thoughtful with all aspects of raising tuition.
- Postponing approval for increase in preschool tuition.
- Discussed the (good) problem of a growing student body in St. Mary elementary for next year's school year. There will be double classes for every grade K-5. Reviewed and considered 4 proposed options to address the problem of space. Option 1 considers decreasing the current 5 preschool classrooms given to 4. Each option has associated pros and cons. Members present agreed option to reduce to 4 classes (two 3 year old and two 4 year old) was the best option. .

Next Meeting – March 27, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Closing Prayer