

MHT School Education Commission

Meeting summary from 5/23/2017

Present: Jessica Campbell, Anne Hufnagel, Fr. Dennis Howard, Pat Riley, Jason Smith, and Therese Andros

Not Present: Brett Thelen

Meeting opened with prayer by Anne Hufnagel at 7:03 p.m.

Review and approval of last meeting's minutes.

Principal's report

1. Spiritual Activities: nothing new to report
2. Service Activities: nothing new to report
3. Social Activities: End of year field trips, Howell Nature Center for grades 5-8, hiking for 1-4, and Mackinaw Island for 8th grade trip.
4. Academics: NWEA (spring scores looked great)-I will bring a report to the meeting
5. Safety Grant and Dinner Raffle Money: continue to work with Kurt Thelen and Mike Hengesbach concerning doors and science lab cabinetry. Next meeting will take place after school.
6. School calendar approval: I will bring calendar for approval with me.

Field trips went well, NWEA 2nd-8th stayed the same or slightly improved their scores. Anne received a congratulatory call as MHT School scored 1st in Math and 1st/2nd in Reading throughout all schools in the Diocese of Lansing. The Diocese made Math a focus. Lowest score in NWEA Math at MHT was in Geometry. In 1st through 4th grade, Geometry is a small part of the curriculum. The goal is to have 85-95% of our kids to be average or above average in Geometry. As far as Reading/LA, teaching staff to identify gaps in the buildings and establish a SMART goal(s). MHT School is at least 30% more proficient than others in the diocese for Reading/LA.

Fr. Dennis brought up the idea of putting the NWEA testing results for MHT School in FOCUS magazine as a way of marketing/advertising the school. This was suggested since MHT School scored 1st in Math and 1st/2nd in Reading/LA throughout the Lansing diocese.

Anne sent out summer camp, MARS, email on Friday. It will be offered in June/August for 5-8th graders. There will be 15 sessions; opening it up to 3rd through 8th. Anne will be the instructor and supervisor.

School calendar approval

Security upgrade update: Kurt has drawing now for lab/better industrial grade through Lee Klein. Mike Hengesbach and Kurt Thelen working together on this project.

Mission Statement update: will be tabled through the summer.

Possible: Blackout Crisis Plan

Enrollment Update: going good. Father Dennis mentioned that every Sunday starting in June/July there will be a Spanish mass in St. Joseph St. Johns with Fr. Mario celebrating; disseminating to the Spanish community about the school/committee. Father is applying for grant??? Father highlighted an idea in marketing to the Hispanic community about the school by advertising Las Posados, Our Lady of Guadalupe, etc.

General Business: SeniorWalk thru initiated by a parent, not the administration??

Closing prayer led by Anne at 8:00 p.m. This is the last meeting until the fall. Anne will check with Fr. Dennis on his most available dates/days/times.