**St. Luke School Commissions Meeting**

**November 1, 2020**

**Attendees:**

**Present**: Msg. Schaedel, Jonathan Grismore, Jen Schaffer, Kevin McCusker, Katee Schrage, Joe Heidt, Elizabeth Feldman. Katie DeLisle, Mary Jo Woodside

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE DISCUSSIONS THAT TOOK PLACE DURING THE MEETING. HOWEVER, AS THERE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT MEMBERS PRESENT TO HAVE A QUORUM, WE WERE UNABLE TO VOTE ON ANY ISSUES.

Monsignor opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Grismore opened the discussion on the state of Covid at St. Luke’s. Mr. Grismore again noted the continuing support of the parents in the fight against Covid. Currently, we have only 1 student with confirmed Covid. We do have some students in quarantine at home due to close contact of someone with Covid.

It was noted by Jonathan that we need to help our parents understand that Blue Ribbon Schools and other such honors are based on more than just test scores. They are based on items such as attendance rates of students, and the closing subgroup student achievement gaps.

The extensive and expensive cleaning of the building seems to be helping us with keeping Covid infections very, very limited in the staff and students.

Currently, Katie Kumler and her committee are continuing to work on updating the current Strategic Plan to reflect the new, revised goals.

Open House was to take place virtually. Ronni was in process of obtaining parent testimonials to add to the presentation.

Finance is developing a time line for Tuition and what it will include. The goal is to have a budget by the end of November and a tuition cost at end of December. Some issues to be discussed are Tech fees, Retreat costs, Instrumental Music costs and Textbook Fees. Discussions on the textbook fees are being worked on. However, staff will need to decide on the new textbooks for Math and for Reading to ascertain the true cost. It is estimated at a minimum that these will raise at least 10% or $25.00. None of these recommendations could be voted on as we did not have a quorum. It is noted that our tuition is comparable to those charged by other schools in the North Deanery.

We discussed the importance of parents realizing that it is not just their tuition that pays for their student’s education, but also the financial support of the Parish.

Due to Covid, the monies typically raised by the now cancelled Garage Sale for the Washington D. C. Trip are an issue yet to be discussed. Trip to Washington may be scheduled for early May, but that will be dependent on status of Covid. The Trivia Night has been cancelled due to Covid with some hope to do this virtually in the future. Additionally, the Casino Night has been cancelled as the charity that typically runs this event is not doing any due to age of their members, fear of Covid as well as groups of people not able to be together.

Bis Feldman reported on the PTO sales of trash bags which was very successful. This money provides materials for teachers and well as subsidizing things needed by the school.