

Education Commission Minutes of Meeting

Date: November 18, 2017

Venue: Holy Angels School Teacher's Lounge

Attendees: Tonya Forbes, Deacon Tim White, John Cebulski, Allison Kapitanoff, Bridget Stanislo, Jeff Roberts, Chuck Hilby, Beth Baker

Minutes Taken: Tonya Forbes

Topic	Presented By	Discussion Item	Decision	Action Needed	Deadline
Opening Prayer	Deacon White				
Technology Upgrades to be 1:1 in Junior High	Tonya Forbes	ACC, Rosary & Marmion were contacted to determine how well prepared HA students are technologically for high school. Teachers were surveyed as to their use of more technology.	ACC and Rosary responded that students from HA were well prepared for the use of technology in high school. Teachers prefer adding 3 more sets of Chromebooks and 2 more sets of iPads rather than one device for each individual student.	Approximate cost of the additional technology - \$42,000. Further discussion with Fr. Lavan and Finance Director to determine ways to fund this initiative.	June 30, 2018
Funeral Honor Guard	Tonya Forbes	Would it be appropriate for students in grades 3-5 to show respect in a special way for a funeral?	There may be too many funerals that occur at Holy Angels to consistently provide this service. Parents may object to students participating in a funeral of someone that they may not know.	None needed.	

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Dress Down Guidelines	Tonya Forbes	Establish consistent guidelines when sponsoring Dress Down Day for a Cause. What kinds of groups should benefit from students paying to be out uniform?	Students dress down during Catholic Schools Week as well as for Picture Day and add holiday themed items to their uniforms on other occasions. These should continue to be done for free. In addition, HSA began an initiative this year to provide financial help to families experiencing temporary hardships in the form of gift cards. Dress Down Days present challenges to the teachers to police clothing wear. Any other Dress Down Days should be kept to a bare minimum as it is easier for parents when students wear their uniforms.	None needed.	

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Diocesan Year-End Financial Reports	Tonya Forbes	Information shared about enrollment, baptisms, and use of parish ordinary income as compared to the Deanery, Diocese, and nation.	The Diocese has lost 3,137 students in the past 5 years. HA has lost 57 students in that time frame. 50 baptisms per year predicts the availability of future students for parishes with schools. HA had an average of 55 in this five year period. The Diocese has adopted a maximum usage of 30% of a parish's ordinary income for elementary school expenses. For the past 5 years, HA has averaged 15.7%.	Based upon the benchmarks provided, Holy Angels should continue to be financially vital.	

EC Members: Deacon Tom White, John Cebulski, Chuck Hilby, Beth Baker, Bridgette Oester, Margaret Vagnoni, Allison Kapitanoff, Jeff Roberts, Bridget Stanislo

Next Meeting: January 13, 2018