

GRACE Board of Trustees Education Committee

Minutes Oct. 10, 2022 6:15-6:45 EC Meeting, Superintendents Office

1. Guest Principal, Molly Mares – update on Notre Dame of De Pere Catholic School

A-2. Review, explore and create recommendations for enhanced, unique academic experiences throughout the system.

- * Further growth being explored - on VOC - need for extra-curricular activities beyond athletics, * Notre Dame of De Pere offered: Battle of the books, during the summer - plays, musicals
- * Seasons of COVID - a lot of these things fell by the wayside, kids changed interests, now in a position of rejuvenated interests but also recultivate the leadership pool, regain parent/volunteer interest
- * New MS band teacher - really increased interest in band, almost all 5th graders have a new interest in trying band
- * Working on getting chess club restarted
- * Challenging for individual schools to offer all these opportunities and clubs, good potential opportunities for GRACE school collaboration with these types of clubs, activities, and organizations
- * Youth and Government program through YMCA (OLOL may have participated in this program last year)

A-1. Review, explore and create recommendations to strengthen and further develop programs for students with a range of learning abilities.

- * Student data but also their social skills, classroom performance, etc - look at the whole picture
- * Added interventionist through EANS funding - game changer especially for our older students
- * Strategic with students who needed additional assistance during the day - really specific for what they need, sometimes removed Spanish if other subject areas were struggling
- * Mid-Trimester grade checks - have conversations with students who are having a hard time, check athletically eligible students (only 2 students with a grade check, 10 students last year at same time), focus on accommodations and modifications for students - sharing information with teachers so students can be supported in the classroom as well

A-3. Continue to grow and expand curriculum, instruction and assessment through collaborative, faith-filled teams with a focus on Catholic Social Teachings.

- * Worked with the library team during September 23 in service - selecting books for the library, process for when books of concern are brought forward
- * Revisited the documents
- * Brought a book for the team to discuss and evaluate - discussed CST around book
- * May be some apprehension around referencing and using CST due to a lack of understanding of the concepts and what the CST are
- * This was part of the Diocesan FCC requirements (this year is Franciscan at Home)

2. Laura, Team Curriculum: Updates on curriculum

- * Catholic Loop website - great for middle school social studies teachers
- * MS Curriculum Review Process
- * SJPII curriculum map and grade level snapshots
- * Science team meetings are starting up again beginning this Wednesday