GRACE Board of Trustees Education Committee

Minutes – Jan.10, 2023   4:00-5:15 Meeting

Present: Sue Amtmann, Laura Blicharz, Carrie Gossens, Jean Thillman, Ed Kippley, Dan Bins, Patty Nennig, Michelle Wagnitz

1. Catholic Identity Committee update

CI team is working on a liturgy document to help teach parts of the Mass to students. This effort relates to the Strategic Plan and CI Tool #3.

2. CI Tool #3

- CI team is working on getting CI Tool #3 Process completed. CI Tool #2 was bypassed due to more development being done on ACRE test at the NCEA level (ACRE testing at 5th and 8th grade.) ACRE is like a standardized test for religion and faith knowledge. It is a good way to see where students are in their faith journey as well as what teaching areas were missed.

3. Social Catholic Teaching https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is included in the GRACE Strategic Plan (A3), including the above link to CST explanation and descriptions. Members discussed their knowledge and examples of CST.   CST is woven into Franciscan at Home program that teachers are currently doing as an ongoing faith formation program. The Franciscan at Home online program is supported by the Diocese for all parishes to participate.

4. Laura and Carrie: Curriculum update, GRACE Technology Services Advisory Team

Laura has been researching and working on creating science/faith documents for K-5 science to coordinate with PLTW (only one unit completed for each grade level, more will be completed in the future.) A preview of these documents for teachers will occur at the in-service on Monday, January 16. The St. Norbert Peace and Justice Center is great resource to continue work on science/faith documents as well as the USCCB website on CST listed above.

Carrie explained that the GRACE Technology Services Advisory Team Advisory team has been formed which includes GRACE parents with expertise in IT. They did an audit recently and are using those results to prioritize next steps and things that need to be changed or updated. The Digital Learning Plan (DLP) will be reviewed and updated by this team as well. This plan is ending this year and a new plan is being developed for the next three-year time period. The team will also look at the Strategic Plan and how tech integrates with those initiatives. Note: Technology Integration decisions will remain with Team Curriculum and the Technology Integration Team.

5. Sue, Laura: Voice of the Customer Survey

Results are currently being compiled and will be available to review and discuss at our next meeting.

Next Education Committee Meeting: Mar. 13, 4:00-5:15