

GRACE Board of Trustees Education Committee

Minutes – March 14, 2023 4:00-5:15 Meeting

Present: Sue Amtmann, Kim Desotell, Laura Blicharz, Carrie Gossens, Jean Thillman, Ed Kippley, Michelle Wagnitz

Absent: Dan Bins, Patty Nennig Others present: Headmaster: Patrick McKeown, CA of SJPII

1. Guest Headmaster: Patrick McKeown, CA of SJPII: High School/College Readiness

- Develop, describe, and share what Classical schooling is - how is it defined?
- What's working well - (1) staffing (no one has left, everyone wants to stay on), (2) families (very supportive), and (3) the relationship with St. Phillips
- Preparing students for college - CLT (Classical Learning Test), may replace the use of more typical tests like SAT and ACT
- Franciscan Advantage (via Franciscan University) - reached out to collaborate with Chesterton Academy schools and provide college credit if certain scores are achieved by students on select tests
- Enrollment Update: 23-24 year enrollment - 9th- 15, 10th- 12, 11th- 21, Total = 48 Tours continue weekly. Growth Goal = 50 (we are on track to meet this goal and surpass this goal!)

2. Kim, Laura: Strategic Plan, VOC Results

- Provide quarterly updates to the Strategic Plan (plan is now in a two-year format)
- Actions for Strategic Plan Quarter 3 provided by Laura Blicharz
- Starting to look at the athletics goal mentioned in the Strategic Plan (analysis done by Jere Kubuske, Holy Family School)
- VOC report had 585 responses - may be new average in terms of number of responses
- GRACE-wide report and individual school reports created by Laura
- Individual school reports shared with principals - use with staff to set building goals, share select graphs and comments with parents
- Possible review of rigor question and parent time/effort question

3. Sue: Principals' VOC Spring Summary Reports

- Due in May last year
- This year, goal will be to get summary reports back from principals in April

4. Laura: Curriculum Update

- Standards-at-a-Glance for Technology were completed are in the approval process, will be put up online once finalized
- Purchase review for PLTW (5-year consumable plan and pricing guide), will meet with principals to review yearly purchases
- World Language Program - exploring purchase of K-4 program, grades 6-8 already utilize Santillana

Overhaul of curriculum cycle - looking at adding more detail and additional years for planning, purchasing, and implementation of new curriculum programs

5. Carrie: Tech Integration Team update – in-services, technology curriculum

Goals:

Use the equipment available to assist with assigned tasks
Access the use software to its fullest potential to support workflow
Understand and effectively teach the technology curriculum
Engage students in active learning while utilizing technology
How to ask for assistance/training: Get to know our team

Technology Survey - sent out to all teachers, responses collected, met with principals to go over site results

Monthly Technology News Board - tips and tech strategies for teachers

GRACE Technology Advisory Committee - consists of 6 GRACE parents who specialize in technology, team of experts to help guide technology questions

6. Closing – Members expressed positive thoughts/feelings about our meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 5:20

Strategic Plan 2022-2024

FAITH: a focus on ensuring that our Catholic faith is inherent in all that we do.

ACADEMICS: a focus on advancing and maintaining academic excellence.

VITALITY: a focus on strengthening and sustaining our system for today and the future.

EXPERIENCE: a focus on growing an engaged GRACE community of students, families, staff and parishes.

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

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

3. Continue to grow and expand curriculum, instruction, and assessment through collaborative, faith-filled teams with a focus on Catholic Social Teaching Teachings. <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching>