



***Finance Meeting***

***October 19, 2021***

***Time 6:15 PM ACHS Library***

***Agenda***

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| 1. Prayer                           | Daniel Minter |
| 2. Finance Meeting                  | Michele Haas  |
| a. Update on 2021-22 financials     |               |
| i. Christmas staff appreciation     |               |
| b. 2022-23 budget process           |               |
| i. Increase in base but freeze step |               |
| c. Update on projects               |               |
| d. IFG                              |               |
| e. WRISA Update                     |               |

***Education Commission***

***Time 7 PM ACHS Library***

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| 3. Opening Prayer                  | Daniel Minter |
| 4. ACS 2021-22 Calendar Highlights | Daniel Minter |
| a. Check web site for other events |               |
| 5. Reports                         |               |
| a. Schools – see printed report    |               |
| b. President/Diocese               |               |
| i. IFG                             |               |
| c. Athletics                       |               |
| d. Advancement                     |               |
| e. Enrollment                      |               |
| f. Royal Parents                   |               |
| 6. New Business                    | Daniel Minter |
| a. 2022-23 calendar                |               |
| b. WRISA discussion                |               |
| 7. Any other business              |               |
| 8. Closing Prayer                  | Daniel Minter |

2020-21 Meeting Dates 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month August 2021 – June 2022 6:15 PM Finance and 7 PM Commission

The mission of Assumption Catholic Schools is to inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and traditions

## **September 2021 – Commission Meeting Minutes**

*Attendance: D Minter, M Haas, A Peters, T Halbersma, Deacon Mark, K Piaro, P Fochs, Fr. Quenella, Fr. Schaller, R Birkhauser, S Bruley, P Springer*

*Prayer*

### *Upcoming Highlights*

- *Homecoming Week*
  - *All activities will be school based due to Covid19*
- *Royal Event Postponed*
  - *Tentative re-schedule date: Sunday of Catholic Schools Week*
  - *Reasons for re-schedule due to Covid19 concerns and lack of available volunteers*
- *Pet Blessings at OLQH and SV*

### *School Highlights*

- *St. Vincent de Paul School Updates*
  - *Cafeteria tables are coming in “slowly but surely”*
  - *Asbestos abatement that was scheduled this summer has been completed*
  - *Freedom carpet handled our flooring needs and did a great job*
  - *Looking ahead to next summer - ceiling work*
- *Our Lady Queen of Heaven Updates*
  - *Grandparents mass and social was well attended on 9/21*

### *Athletics Highlights*

- *In planning stages for the Cranberry Classic*
- *Athletic Fundraiser to take place Late Nov/Early December*
  - *Ticket price \$100 each (limited number of tickets sold)*

### *Enrollment Highlights*

- *Enrollment currently at 402*
  - *Up from last year at this time.*
  - *Increased enrollment due to neighboring schools Covid19 restrictions*
  - *Working hard to incorporate them into school life*

### *Royal Parent Highlights*

- *Upcoming Fundraisers*
  - *Halloween and Butter Braid Fundraisers being planned*
- *Looking for new school representatives to become involved*
- *RP will sponsor Parent/Teacher Conference Meals for the teachers*

### *New Business*

- *Catholic United will sponsor a raffle for us again this year.*
  - *They will provide money for tickets and prizes*
  - *Whatever funds received from the ticket sales is ours to keep*
  - *2 years ago we made just over \$12,000*
  - *Raffle sale will kick off in mid-January going through mid-March*
  - *Ticket price \$5.00 each*
- *Assumption High School will have a musical this year in mid-November*
  - *Adaptation of "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown"*
- *WRISA Team visit the week of October 4<sup>th</sup>*
  - *Dinner at Tri-City Sunday Night with WRISA Team. All commission members are invited to attend. Additional dinners are planned for Monday and Tuesday night.*
  - *WRISA team may contact commission members to ask questions regarding ASC.*
- *Commission will look over the "Structure of Systems of Schools in the Diocese of LaCrosse" in October and November meetings.*
- *A question regarding AHS Handbook and Dress Code Changes and Procedure was raised. Concern will be taken to the principal.*

### *Closing Prayer*

*Meeting ended at 7:45pm*

## **SCHOOL REPORTS - OCTOBER 2021**

### **St. Lawrence Early Childhood Center**

- Nothing new to report this month.

### **Our Lady Queen of Heaven K-2**

- Father Guanella blessed all the students' pets on Friday, October 1 in honor of St. Francis.
- Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program has started. All students in grades K-2 participate weekly in this program.
- Our first and second grade small reading groups are underway. Four times a week students read with their assigned group which enables them to work on targeted skills. These groups are led by 1st and 2nd grade teachers and support staff.
- On Tuesday, Oct. 5, the Rudolph Fire Department visited our school with a fire truck and gave fire safety presentations to our first and second graders.
- On Wednesday, Oct. 6 the Assumption Catholic High School band helped us celebrate Homecoming/Spirit Week by coming and playing for us.
- On Monday, Oct. 11 the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department hosted a zoom call with our kindergarten students regarding fire safety.
- On October 13 the students celebrated the anniversary of Mary's appearance to the children at Fatima by praying a rosary as a school community.
- Monthly birthday breakfasts have resumed. Once a month students who have birthdays that month are invited to a special breakfast hosted by the principal (Shelley Bruley) and administrative assistant (Jenny Zacher).
- For our All Saints Day Mass students are invited to dress as their favorite saint for the day.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Shelley Bruley

## St. Vincent de Paul – Grades 3-5

- Completion of Fall STAR Assessments. Teachers and staff collecting the data, which will guide the instruction in the classroom and through the school.
- Celebrating the Month of the Rosary and the Virtue of the Month-hope-at our prayer services
- Parent/Teacher Conferences-Virtual/Telephone
- School Improvement Efforts-Keeping us safe, healthy, and open.
  - Installing 3 picnic tables in the field for outdoor classroom use
  - Switched to round cafeteria tables-still socially distanced for now
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Anti-Bullying training-each class is working through this training as bystander, up-stander, and victim. If you need a lesson or reminder for someone, please ask these experts☺
- Had our pets blessed on the feast day of St. Francis.

Our Kindness Begins with Me Program challenge for the week was to write positive words on the playground in chalk. Thank you to the many wonderful words of goodness authored by students and staff.



Wahoo! Way to go! I knew we could do it! Congratulations to us all for being recommended for WRISA Accreditation. Staff were celebrated with a big thank you, balloons, a can of Crush because they helped “crush” the accreditation, and “Jean-tober” for the rest of October. The students were celebrated with ice cream sandwiches. We all do what it takes to be a Royal!

Respectfully submitted by: Pam Fochs

## **Assumption Middle & High School - Grades 6-12**

- Parent Teacher Conferences were held Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We are very thankful for the food that was provided to the staff during those nights. The conferences went very smoothly and there were many parents in attendance virtually.
- We recently had our homecoming week. The week was extremely busy with activities every day in the high school such as volleyball, trivia, Mass, dodgeball, the football game and the dance. The middle school also had a great week and participated in their yearly Homeroom Lion decorations. There was a lot of excitement in the halls and parents were very pleased. We also ran our Pep Rally, burning of the A and a brat fry fundraiser for Casa Hogar/D.C. trip on Friday night. The Assumption Community really came out in support of these events and we are truly grateful for their continuous support.
- Throughout the Homecoming week we also had our Accreditation team visit. The team consisted of various administrators from different schools throughout the Diocese. They were very impressed by all of the activities going on throughout the day and gave our Middle and High School great reviews. We were recommended for accreditation and will be continuing to work throughout the next few years to continue to strengthen our schools in various ways.
- On Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> the Middle and High Schools recognized The Miracle of the Sun by praying a Living Rosary. Every student in the Middle and High Schools joined together in the gym to pray the Rosary.
- Earlier in October we had the privilege of welcoming Hilda Marquez. Mrs. Zacher invited her to work with our Spanish class students to create Luminary Paintings. Hilda Marquez is a very talented painter who also taught the students about various Mexican cultures during the workshop.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

October 21<sup>st</sup>-Middle School Retreat (Speaker Megan Mohan)

October 22<sup>nd</sup>-High School Retreat (Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George)

October 29<sup>th</sup> Fall Regional Professional Development Day

November 2<sup>nd</sup> Marawood Choir Concert

November 12<sup>th</sup> Hex 2 Ends

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 2022-23 Calendar

Based on past practice and parent/staff desires the prime mission is to

1. maximize the number of days of instruction,
2. finish school by Memorial Day
3. mirror as closely as possible the WRPS schedule
4. not start too early in August
5. not need to request bussing from WRPS and Nekoosa on too many days in August

Based on those parameters the attached is the calendar as approved by the administration team for next year.

A few highlights:

1. It is very similar to the 2021 calendar
2. Thanksgiving – we maintained the NS school day on Nov 23 (WRPS is having school)
3. Easter – we maintained NS on Good Friday and Easter Monday
4. Mid-year PD we have a day in September, October, November, January, and March
  - a. I have asked the Diocese if the September/October day and the March day could correspond to our regional in-service days. The past 2 years 1 has this allows us to save an emergency day or add an extra day where WRPS would have to bus us.
5. 176 days K-11 provides for 6 emergency days, 175 days 12 provides for 5 emergency days. Teachers have 189 days allotted out of 190 in their contract. Possibly 188 if we have no in-service on August 19,
6. Without going after Memorial Day or reducing emergency days there is no way to start later in August or wait until September 1
7. We will end up needing to request bussing from WRPS and Nekoosa for the 6 days in August for sure, like the past 3 years and possibly a fall and/or spring date depending on what the Diocese says
8. Fun fact – for those grades that celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school it falls during Catholic Schools Week