



## **Principal's Coffee ~ October 21, 2019 (minutes)**

### **Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*We commit this work day to you.*

*Thank you for this group that has gathered together.*

*We invite you, Jesus, to be with us today.*

*May we converse with integrity and speak with clarity.*

*May we understand our role and purpose as we contribute worthily.*

*Help us to handle each challenge with wisdom.*

*Lord, please work in us and through us today.*

*Amen.*

### **Topics of Conversation:**

- School-wide Goals
  - Spiritual: Focusing on spiritual formation of staff & students: **Talked about the school's focus on the mission, including the fact that all faculty and administration have developed a personal spiritual goal that will help in their own personal formation as well as compliment the school's mission and vision.**
  - Curricular: Continuing our focus on aligning curriculum: **All departments have developed year long plans for all courses taught at Marian and are currently working on aligning curriculum utilizing college and career readiness standards to ensure that all courses provide appropriate instruction and assessment for mastery.**
  - Cultural: Building a school-wide culture of collaboration & trust: **As we have shared at the end of last year, the Marian faculty and staff are working "From the Inside Out" to enhance our school culture, beginning with ourselves. This is driven by the belief that if we continue building a positive culture among our staff, that it will only benefit our students and community as a whole.**
  
- One-to-One technology
  - **Feedback: Discussion included finding the optimal balance of written work and work utilizing technology, and that it will vary based on department and teacher. There was positive feedback on many teachers utilizing OneNote. We also discussed that we recognize the financial burden on families with the yearly technology fee, and will be very mindful when assessing any changes in fees. We also shared that Marian will be developing a replacement rotation plan for updating devices.**

- Conversations that Matter
  - Topic suggestions
  - Interest in a committee to facilitate

Discussion included the importance of bringing back topics about social media and vaping. Another suggestion was the topic of impaired driving. We also discussed that administration is looking to bring back the Rachel's Challenge speakers, hopefully still for this school year, but definitely for early next year. Rachel's Challenge focuses on bullying and acceptance of everyone and is based on the experiences of Rachel Scott, the first student shot and killed at Columbine in Colorado.

**Open Discussion: Topics included...**

- Mr. Shukis shared updates on the repairs on the building since the lightning strike
- How do we share the yearly theme provided by Father Twenty each year? This year's is "Christ Lives..."
- Changes in our evacuation drill... having ALL students go to a common location after exiting the building and lining up by homeroom.
- Our Guidance Counselors and Asst. Principal, Mr. Price recently attended the Mustard Seed Conference put on by Loyola, which focused on mental health.
- Compliments were shared about this year's Homecoming festivities
- Discussions revolving possible new clubs such as a Robotics Club or still looking for a staff moderator for the Outdoor Club (winter skiing).