

**Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2014
Regis High School, Room 107, 5:00pm**

Present: Rev. Alan Guanella, Renee Cassidy, Kelly Bowe, Howard Ludwigson, Mark Gobler, Paul Pedersen, Anna Sizer, Barb Haag, Becky Alexander, Gayle Flaig, Very Rev. Brian Konopa, Denise Boos, Jenny Dykes, Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu, Patty Usher, Chuck Larson, Rev. John Schultz, Mark Seyer

Absent: Val Knobloch, Rev. Don Meuret, Rev. David Olson, Rev. Derek Sakowski

Minutes: Anna Sizer

I. Opening

Call to Order: Mark Gobler

April Minutes: Approved with 2 corrections
(Reports d). Please add:
(1) Recommendation that “Diocesan Religion Assessments should be made available to parents.
(2) Finance council should review budget to see if a campus ministry position could be created to support RMS and RHS

II. Reports

- a. Governance – No report
- b. Teaching & Learning – No report
- c. School Life – Barb Haag brought up Teaching the Way of Love, a new family curriculum offered by the Diocese for parishioners. Two local DREs Kourtney Kuba and Ryan Luedtke would like to collaborate with RCS. Barb mentioned that the DREs would like to meet at least 2times over the summer with a task force to become familiar with content and determine how to implement and promote the program throughout the area. Kelly Bowe and Anna Sizer volunteered to work on the task force and help collaborate.
- d. Catholic Identity & Mission Integration – Becky Alexander
 - i. Becky referred to Howard Ludwigson. Howard and Father Guanella discussed the Religion Assessment results at Regis. Father Guanella handed out results in a custom created format that can be understood. The format delivered by the Diocese is difficult to read/understand.
 - ii. Elementary principals will give Anna Sizer their results to set up in a similar format by using Father Guanella’s spreadsheet.
 - iii. Catholic Identity committee will create communication to families and share religion assessment results
- e. Advancement & RCS Foundation Report– Mark Seyer
 - i. Report on Non-sibi dinner

- ii. RCS Foundation Investments as of 5/9/14
 - 1. Orgel Group: \$1,071,379
 - 2. R.W. Baird: \$690,851 total, made up of \$51K endowment funds, \$34K Checking, \$604K Investments
 - 3. These two funds total \$1,762,231 for both accounts
 - 4. These funds are different from the CASE Endowment funds held by Regis Catholic Schools
- iii. Dr. Todd Hehli will be the RCS Foundation President again.
- iv. The Legacy fund letter, form, and trifold were reviewed and minor revisions were being made
- v. Harris Connect Alumni book is being worked on
- vi. Database has had many updates
- vii. Thanking process is being updated
- f. RCS Administration – Mark Gobler and Staff
 - i. Kelly Bowe – WFV update, Sports Day update, Discussion of general building specific events.
 - ii. Renee Cassidy – General/overall Accreditation report has been received and RCS is now a K-12 Accredited School System
 - 1. Education Commission will review results and discuss recommendations
 - 2. Results should be shared in the first parent forum of the year
 - iii. Gayle Flaig – Child development programs are financially stable. Updates are needed at Genesis.
 - iv. Howard Ludwigson – Regis has several staff position that need to be filled.
 - v. Paul Pedersen – Busy with many potential new family tours
 - vi. Mark Gobler –
 - 1. Current diocesan teacher evaluation is archaic. Diocese wants to build their own evaluation because of cost. Mark will continue to pursue using Slipka-Deekman tool, which includes a student survey, parent survey, and student progress results.
 - 2. When Choice Standardized testing occurs and families opt out, a “0” is recorded and factored into averages
 - 3. ACT Aspire will be ordered for RHS
 - 4. 146 verified Choice applicants, no release date on those accepted has come in yet
 - 5. Interviewed Principal Candidates, no final decision yet
- g. Demographics/Future Enrollments – Anna Sizer reported that RCS K-12 had almost reached its high enrollment goal of 854 and was at 847. Anna delivered a loss analysis showing where some of the system attrition was happening, with a total of 36 students not returning. Anna also presented demographic reports showing continued elementary growth, especially in the St. James area. RCS will likely need to work with St. James parish to invest in updates for the elementary school.
- h. Finances – No report

III. Discussion Items

- a. Commission Bylaws Proposed Revision-
 - i. Father Konopa presented last month’s proposed standing committee changes. All standing committee responsibilities are approved and signed.

- ii. RCS Commission Bylaws request change to Article 6, #6, - The Executive Committee will provide an orientation for new commission representatives.
- iii. Father Konopa presented a proposal for a Campus Ministry Position.
 - 1. The Eau Claire Area Deanery is hiring a Full-time youth ministry position. RCS is also considering a full time Campus ministry position. There is consideration of combining the role. Discussion indicated there is a commitment to making the combined role happen, but when and how still needs to be determined.
 - 2. Youth ministry has been centralized at Sacred Heart Parish.
- iv. Father Schultz Comment – This was the last Education Commission meeting for Father Schultz, because he is becoming a Senior Priest. Father Schultz commented on the many changes and was thankful. He presented Denise Boos with a really cool antique calculator/paperweight.

IV. Adjournment

- a. Closing Prayer – Father Schultz
- b. Adjourned at 6:30pm