

**REGIS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, August 22, 2013
Regis High School Room 107
5:00pm**

Present: Becky Alexander, Kelly Bowe, Renee Cassidy, Jenny Dykes, Gayle Flaig, Mark Gobler, Teresa Johnson, Val Knobloch, Very Rev. Brian Konopa, Chuck Larson, Howard Ludwigson, Rev. Don Meuret, Rev. John Schultz, Mark Seyer, Anna Sizer, Patty Usher

Absent: Denise Boos, Rev. Alan Guanella, Barb Haag, Rev. David Olson, Rev. Derek Sakowski, Rev. Georgekutty Thayikuzhithottu

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Chuck Larson, Chair.
Father Konopa led the opening prayer. Minutes from the meeting of May 16 were accepted as distributed. Minutes from June meeting were approved with corrections.

Election of Officers –

Father Konopa nominated Chuck Larson to continue as Chair. Anna Sizer nominated Patty Usher to continue as Vice-Chair. Both Chuck and Patty accepted their nominations and were passed unanimously by the commission members.

I. Administrative Report

a. Mark Gobler

- i. Next Tuesday, August 27th RCS will have the welcome back to staff meeting at St. Mary's.
- ii. 34 students have been selected for the voucher program. Most are current families but some are new.
- iii. Deb Meyer will be conducting formative assessments this fall with RCS.
- iv. Iowa Basic and WKCE testing will be moving to Smarter Balance in the future.
- v. ACT scores – Mark reported that our composite score was 24.6 and 91% take the test (significantly less take the test in the state). There was a nice article in the paper.
- vi. SCRIP will be moving to Security Bank on Southside on Oct. 1. They will have a dedicated drive up lane for SCRIP. With this change, there will be extended hours (open later and Saturdays) which our current location does not offer.
- vii. Regis High School building updates – Roofing is done; Tuck pointing almost completed; bathrooms almost done; Library received new carpet, A/C, and increased computer work stations

b. Renee Cassidy

- i. On Tuesday (Aug. 20), Principals went to Diocese for annual meeting. One item of note is teacher evaluations may change in the future.

- ii. Renee and Kelly went to an accreditation meeting in Madison today. Everything is going well with our progress and very pleased with our committees and their work.
 - iii. At the in-service next week, we will have assessment and religious training.
 - iv. IC had new hallway lockers installed, 3 new smart boards (from Walk for Virtues funds), new desks for 5th grade, and computer upgrades.
 - v. Dress Code – Elementary will keep red shirts for one more year; added yellow and green shirts. Parents can purchase through the Land's End store and get our logo on their shirts.
 - c. Gayle Flaig
 - i. School age summer camp is winding down
 - ii. EC4T programs in place for the fall
 - iii. Getting bids on building improvements; will be having a fundraiser to purchase more security cameras
 - iv. Going through a lot of staff turnover during this time
 - d. Kelly Bowe
 - i. St. Mary's – ceilings were lowered and new energy efficient lighting was installed; purchased some security cameras; doors are finished; moved around some rooms for accommodating the 4K sections
 - ii. St. James – new smart board, new water fountain, and new guided reading area in the library

II. Recruitment & Retention

- a. Anna Sizer
 - i. Passed out samples of signs for our school buildings. Father Don recommended spelling out "IC" (i.e. Immaculate Conception) on the sign.
 - ii. Passed out mission pledge – For accreditation purposes, we should have our mission statement posted in all of our buildings. On a side note at the elementary schools, they will be replacing the peace pledge with reciting our mission statement.
- b. Teresa Johnson passed out enrollment report. Discussion on number of students not returning and differing reasons why, etc.

III. Standing Committee Reports

- a. Teaching and Learning – Val noted that they will meet after school is started.
- b. Catholic identity - Becky has some people interested in being on the committee and will be getting a meeting set up.
- c. Advancement – Anna attended an enrollment management conference in Boston; Also we will be implementing a new database and Robyn Schultz-Krogman will work on this project; Contemplating creating a Legacy Wall (donators) at Regis High school

Father Meuret led the Closing Prayer.
 The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.
 Submitted by Teresa Johnson