

**Regis Catholic Schools  
Education Commission Meeting  
Thursday, November 21, 2013  
Regis High School, Room #107  
5pm**

**Present:** Mark Gobler, Becky Alexander, Kelly Bowe, Renee Cassidy, Jenny Dykes, Very Rev. Brian Konopa, Chuck Larson, Howard Ludwigson, Rev. John Schultz, Mark Seyer, Denise Boos, Rev. Alan Guanella, Barb Haag, Val Knobloch, Paul Pedersen, Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu

**Absent:** Rev. Don Meuret, Anna Sizer, Patty Usher, Rev. Derek Sakowski, Rev. David Olson, Gayle Flaig

**Minutes:** Kathy Long

**I. Opening**

**Call to order:** Chuck Larson

**Opening Prayer:** Rev. Guanella

**October Minutes:** Approved, no corrections or additions

**II. Reports**

**a. Standing Committees**

- i. Governance – Chuck Larson
  - 1. Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools Dr. Sue Holman was informed of our desire to improve salaries as part of our Strategic Plan.
  - 2. Teacher leave policy has been approved by Finance Committee for 2014-15 to increase personal days from one to two and to reduce sick leave days from 10 to 9. For the current year, personal days are increased from one to two but the sick leave days are unchanged.
- ii. School Life – Barb Haag
  - 1. Working on website improvements to provide information and contacts
  - 2. Meeting on Friday, Nov. 22, 10am at Regis
- iii. Catholic Identity – Becky Alexander
  - 1. Adoration is going well, more people at the elementary level attending
  - 2. A modesty speaker comes on December 10
  - 3. There were four people for the morning rosary
  - 4. Wisconsin Choice (voucher) students can opt out of religion class but none have done so at RCS and it's rare to see an opt out Statewide
  - 5. Misconceptions regarding Common Core Standards
  - 6. Desire for Diocesan Dress Code to be updated (last updated in 1993)
  - 7. Future agenda will include discussion on possible ad hoc committee to review religion curriculum

- iv. Teaching and Learning – Val Knobloch
  - 1. Movement in all curricular areas and impressed with progress
- v. Accreditation – Renee Cassidy
  - 1. Committees are continuing to meet
  - 2. Target: April 6 visit; report to National due the end of February
  - 3. Process time for system accreditation is approximately six weeks
- vi. Advancement/RCS Foundation – Mark Seyer
  - 1. The Annual Report is out
  - 2. Foundation mailing going out on December 1
  - 3. COEP follow up mailing going out next week
  - 4. Bill Uelmen is meeting with donors – goal of 10
  - 5. Bill Uelmen attended Development Director’s meeting in Wisc. Dells
  - 6. There are plans to advertise on Relevant Radio
  - 7. Approximately 300 people attended the auction – nice to see pastors there
  - 8. Regis Booster Club’s Hall of Fame is December 7 at the Best Western Trail Lodge; tickets available at Regis office

**b. RCS Administration**

- i. Mark Gobler
  - 1. Attended Crisis Training at CESA 10; leadership will meet to discuss
  - 2. Plans to schedule breakfast meetings with faculty members
  - 3. Mark Gobler & Denise Boos to meet with McDonell to discuss opportunities for cooperation
  - 4. A mural artist will be at IC @ 9:30am and at Regis @ 2pm on Dec. 13; focus: Epiphany
  - 5. Parent Forum brought up concerns on instructional time in the HS and homework from religion classes; possibly request update of scope and sequence from the Diocese; possibly include Catholicism 101 (international students) and “honors” religion.
  - 6. Discussing collaboration possibilities with CVTC, especially in areas of engineering and technology.
- ii. Howard Ludwigson
  - 1. MS & HS Parent meetings – well attended; variety of topics
  - 2. Volleyball team brought home state championship gold ball
  - 3. ITBS testing completed – thanks to Mrs. Urdahl and Mr. Pedersen
  - 4. New lighting in auditorium – thanks to Mr. Berger & staff
  - 5. Great attendance for PT conferences; online sign-up an improvement
  - 6. Fewer detentions; students now serve at 7am on Wednesdays
  - 7. New lunch crew working well – thanks to Mrs. Willer and Mr. Holms
  - 8. Wrestling added with good numbers; Rambler Room is their practice area
  - 9. Religious Community donations netted \$947 (more than Jeans for Jesus collections in the past)

- iii. Renee Cassidy
  - 1. Veterans Day Program
  - 2. Lunch with the Principal (parents)
- iv. Kelly Bowe
  - 1. New slide purchased

**c. Finances – Denise Boos**

- i. Reviewed of first Quarter
- ii. Regarding Personnel Policies: Combining sick leave with personal leave was voted down because it poses problems with substitute teachers.
- iii. The 2014-15 Budget is due December 13
- iv. Non-supporting parish fee to be communicated to families with registration packets

**III. Discussion Items**

**a. Strategic Plan – Status**

- i. Discussion on how the Standing Committee Responsibilities and the Education Commission information should be presented
- ii. Chuck Larson will email all members 1) Strategic Planning Goals 2) Commission By-Laws, and 3) Standing Committee Responsibilities
  - 1. At the January 16 meeting each committee will offer insight and recommendations.

**b. Catholic Schools Week**

- i. NCEA offers a kit to assist with planning CSW
- ii. Howard Ludwigson has a meeting on December 3 with faculty to plan CSW
- iii. Perhaps a unified message from all parishes regarding CSW
- iv. Speakers at Masses could include, administration, faculty, students, parents, alumni.
- v. Parish Commission Reps are asked to help their parishes plan CSW

**Closing Prayer – Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu**  
**Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm**