

**Regis Catholic Schools  
Education Commission Meeting  
Thursday, April 3, 2014  
Regis High School, Room 107, 5:00pm**

**Present:** Rev. Alan Guanella, Renee Cassidy, Mark Seyer, Kelly Bowe, Howard Ludwigson, Mark Gobler, Paul Pedersen, Anna Sizer, Barb Haag, Becky Alexander, Val Knobloch, Rev. Derek Sakowski, Gayle Flaig, Very Rev. Brian Konopa, Denise Boos, Rev. Don Meuret

**Absent:** Jenny Dykes, Rev. David Olson, Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu, Patty Usher, Chuck Larson, Rev. John Schultz

**Minutes:** Teresa Johnson

**I. Opening**

**Call to Order:** Mark Gobler

**Opening Prayer:** Father Alan Guanella

**March Minutes:** Approved with 2 corrections  
(Reports d). Should say third meeting (Becky Alexander noted that the notes state it was their first meeting however it was their third meeting)  
(Discussion Items b. Strategic Plan Retreat) – remove entirely as this was not discussed.

**II. Reports**

- a. Governance – No report
- b. Teaching & Learning – No report
- c. School Life – No report
- d. Catholic Identity & Mission Integration – Becky Alexander
  - i. At their last meeting, they discussed the impact of the School Choice (Voucher) program and also the Diocesan religious assessments
- e. Advancement & RCS Foundation Report– Mark Seyer
  - i. Non-sibi dinner is April 5<sup>th</sup> (about 170 attending)
  - ii. Annual Fund is at \$190,161 and COEP is at \$74,000 (all as of 4/1/14). 100 families contributed to COEP and 48 indicated they are not giving.
  - iii. COEP will have a name change next year
  - iv. Newsletter is being finalized this week
  - v. Golf Outing June 21; Gus Macker July 12 & 13
  - vi. Bill Uelmen and Robyn Schultz-Krogman attended marketing and retention meeting on March 6.
- f. RCS Administration – Mark Gobler and Staff
  - i. Kelly Bowe (Math curriculum) – Kelly and a team will be attending a Notre Dame math curriculum workshop June 17-19.
  - ii. Renee Cassidy (Social Studies Curriculum) – Renee, Dori Fadness and Kayla Bahnub attended a Diocesan Social Studies curriculum conference. More planning will be done in August.

- iii. Mark Gobler – Mark reported that Howard Ludwigson will retire at the end of the school year. The principal job has been posted. Interviews will be conducted on May 1<sup>st</sup> and commission members are invited to be part of the interview process. Please let Chuck Larson know if you're interested.
- g. AdvancEd Accreditation Visit – Renee Cassidy
  - i. Renee passed out the RCS Accreditation Report and schedule for the visitation on April 6-9. The team will give their final report and recommendation at the 11am meeting on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. All commission members are welcome.
- h. Enrollment – Teresa Johnson
  - i. Distributed enrollment report – early enrollment period comparison this year and last year, and the current enrollment numbers. We are up compared to last year at the same time.
- i. Finances – Denise Boos
  - i. Finance Committee approved to revise the Distance Learning Policy (\$50 per credit cost to parent). Parents will be paying 40% of the cost overall (they will prepay entire cost and RCS will reimburse after course completion).
  - ii. 3 teachers committed to the St. Mary's University Master's degree program
  - iii. \$13,000 remaining of the Pavelski/Lawler estates and the finance committee and pastors approved using the funds to pay down the debt to the Diocese.

### **III. Discussion Items – Standing Committee Responsibilities**

- a. Executive Committee – Commission approved 4<sup>th</sup> bullet "Handles urgent matters between Commission meetings"
- b. Governance Committee –
  - i. "Provide Orientation of new Commission members" should be moved to Executive Committee. Note: Will need to amend bylaws with this change.
  - ii. Approved leaving 4<sup>th</sup> bullet "Address/Support staff recruitment and retention" in this committee.
- c. Teaching & Learning Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> bullet should read same as bylaws...."Address Support staff/professional development"
- d. School Life Committee –
  - i. 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – statement should relate to the RCS mission/vision statement
  - ii. After some discussion, it was decided the "Welcoming Committee" should be in this committee. Responsible for welcoming new families.
  - iii. Remove 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet "Recommend environmentally friendly policies...."

### **IV. Adjournment**

- a. Closing Prayer – Father Don Meuret
- b. Adjourned at 6:15pm