

**Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting
Thursday, August 21, 2014
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm**

Present:

Becky Alexander	Teresa Johnson	Paul Pedersen
Denise Boos	Val Knobloch	Rev. Derek Sakowski
Renee Cassidy	Rev Tom Krieg	Mark Seyer
Rev. Alan Guanella	Pat Lange	Anna Sizer
Mark Gobler	Kelly Mechelke	Reid Sollberger
Barb Haag	Rev Don Meuret	Rev Felix Tigoy
		Patty Usher

Absent:

Gayle Flaig	Rev. David Olson	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
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Minutes: Teresa Johnson

I. Opening

Call to Order: Mark Gobler

Prayer: Father Don Meuret

May Minutes: Approved with a correction
(1) Add that the Catholic Life Committee recommended hiring a Catholic campus ministry person

1. Introductions and welcome new members
2. Election of Chairperson – Anna Sizer nominated Patty Usher and after a second motion all agreed.
3. Election of Vice-Chairperson –Becky Alexander nominated Val Knobloch and after a second motion all agreed.
4. Reviewed proposed meeting dates. Will approve at next meeting

II. Standing Committee Reports

- a. School life – Barb is working with Anna on the new RCS website.
- b. Catholic Identity – Hired a campus ministry person for RCS (Kourtney Kuba)
- c. Advancement – Foundation meeting next week; Mark passed out brochure/tuition partnership letter that went out to current parents; RCS staff received bonus at the end of the school year – Thanks to the Foundation for making this happen; Educational Needs Survey will go out; Anna announced a one day giving campaign end of November/early December that will be an email blast to alumni, donors, staff, parents, etc.

- d. Accreditation – Renee Cassidy – On July 2, RCS received official notification that our system is accredited. We have a few areas to improve on and will work on those (2 years to complete). One of the areas being data collection/assessment.

III. RCS Administration – Mark Gobler and Staff

- i. Mark - Late summer resignations by teachers; discussion on why we lose staff and salary being a pronounced reason
- ii. Paul Pedersen – Middle/High School
 - 1. School will start a little earlier at 7:41 as we need more instructional minutes
 - 2. 2 new Dean of Students –Eric Nelson (HS) and Kayla Bahnub (MS)
 - 3. All 6th-8th grad students will receive Chromebooks. The elementary buildings received the iPads from the middle school that were used last year.
- iii. Renee Cassidy – IC
 - 1. 2 new Smartboards (all classes now have in their room)
 - 2. Thankful for the iPads from the middle school
 - 3. New parent night was well attended with about 50 parents
 - 4. Malia Clements will be the new IC Guidance Counselor
- iv. Kelly Mechelke – St. James/St. Mary's
 - 1. Thankful for the iPads she received at her buildings.
 - 2. Preschool orientations upcoming at both St. Mary's and St. James
 - 3. Intercom and bell system installed at St. James
 - 4. St. Mary's lockers are here and should be done before Tuesday
 - 5. Deanne Eslinger will be at St. James one day a week to help Kelly with curriculum
 - 6. Tuesday, September 2nd – Chilson Chrysler drive fundraiser at St. James for Home & School
 - 7. All 3 elementary buildings had wireless installed by John Cook this summer.
- v. Teresa Johnson-Enrollment Report handout and discussion on losses, etc.
- vi. Anna Sizer –
 - 1. New website launch hopefully the end of October; Working on getting an app that will enable "push notifications;
 - 2. The school secretaries send out baptismal and birthday postcards to parish members and we would like to get a report 4 times per year from each parish whose members are baptized through grade 11. Anna asked the pastors in attendance for assistance with getting these reports from the parish secretaries.
- vii. Mark Gobler – Strategic plan overview (Mark handout)
- viii. Denise Boos –
 - 1. Debt to Diocese is down to \$101,000
 - 2. Finance Committee Meeting coming up

IV. Adjournment

- a. Closing Prayer – Father Guanella
- b. Adjourned at 6:25pm
- c. Next Meeting September 18