

Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting Notes
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Regis Room 107, 5:00

Present:

Becky Alexander	Rev. Tom Krieg	Paul Pederson
Renee Cassidy	Val Knobloch	Rev. Derek Sakowski
Gayle Flaig	Meghan Kulig	Reid Sollberger
Mark Gobler	Pat Lange	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
Rev. Alan Guanella	Kelly Mechelke	Rev. Felix Tigoy
Barb Haag	Rev. Don Meuret	Patty Usher

Absent:

Denise Boos	Mark Seyer
Teresa Johnson	Bill Uelmen
Rev. David Olson	

Minutes: Kelly Mechelke

- I. Opening
 - Call to Order: Patty Usher
 - Prayer: Father Alan Guanella
 - October Notes: Accepted
- II. Guidance Counselors Report:
 - a. Mark Gobler stated the guidance counselors had not gotten together yet. They have been finishing up with IOWA testing.
- III. Review of the function of the Commission
 - A. Standing Committees
 1. Expand membership to non-commission members
 - a. Can we improve or adjust the effectiveness of the Standing Committees?
 2. Monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly mandatory meetings
 - a. Father Guanella and Mark prefer more frequent, shorter meetings
 - b. Keeps everyone accountable
 - c. It may be harder to stay on task and longer meetings
 - d. Less frequent meetings leads to more reporting and less discussion and conversation to help give advice and recommendations
 - e. Father Don stated that shorter, more frequent meetings would allow standing committees to make reports specific to that time of year (curriculum, etc)
 3. Purpose, effectiveness within strategic plan, vision, etc
 - a. Barb suggested we revisit the strategic plan & refocus our drive. She mentioned that most have lost that drive, with the exception of Becky Alexander.

- b. Mark stated they are meeting Friday, November 21 to look at our strategic plan
 - c. Father Don stated that the Strategic Plan is the gas that drives the Commission- the Strategic Plan is what drives the agenda
- B. Lay commission members reports to their parish
- C. Number of meetings, attendance by non principals, open critiques
 - a. Kelly and Renee suggested that staff should be a part of Standing Committees. Leadership as well. There should be staff representation on committees.
 - b. Patty suggested more self-promotion of what Commission is and ask people to be on standing committee
 - c. Renee commented that we should also have staff representation on the commission.

IV. Reports (condensed)

- A. Standing Committees
 - 1. Governance-no report
 - 2. School Life- Barb Haag
 - a. Waiting for Mark to meet with Administration about Strategic Plan
 - 3. Teaching and Learning-Val Knobloch
 - a. He said he is a committee of one at this point. He usually calls Kelly to discuss what Regis is doing. Right now Regis is working on Aimsweb training.
 - 4. Catholic Identity- Becky Alexander
 - a. Paul is looking at the building- reflects authentically our Catholic Faith
 - b. Renee and Kelly invite Becky and her committee to come and do the same at the elementary buildings
- B. Foundation Report- Mark Seyer
 - a. Mark Seyer not in attendance
 - i. Mark Gobler stated they are building their reserves of Money
 - ii. Legacy commitments are picking up
 - iii. Endowments are less flexible and foundations are more flexible
 - iv. Next year's auction date is on the Regis website- it's the first weekend in November on Friday night
- C. Communications Director Report- Meghan Kulig
 - a. Kindergarten Preview will be advertised in Queen of the Castle and 5ive for Women magazines and on WEAU before January
 - i. Working on updating the brochure before Kindergarten preview and Open Houses
 - b. She will send a Christmas card
 - c. A few billboards will be put up before Christmas
 - d. Regis App is launching soon
 - e. Meeting about new website next week regarding the new website- should launch by early 2015
 - f. Announcement regarding our accreditation status will be made
 - g. Cleaning up social media pages

- D. Development Centers- Gayle Flaig
 - a. Parent/Teacher conferences just concluded
 - b. Enrollment is good
 - c. Please see attachment regarding 50% discount for RCS employees
 - E. Immaculate Conception- Renee Cassidy
 - a. Advent projects are getting ready to start
 - b. Book Fair is underway
 - c. Immaculate Conception Feast Day- Mary & Holy Spirit cards were distributed
 - F. St. James, St. Mary's- Kelly Mechelke
 - a. Computer Lab at St. James is almost finished
 - b. New playground connected to building at St. Mary's is in progress and working out the details that surround making it happen.
 - c. Christmas program in January instead of December to keep Advent during the Advent season and Christmas during the Christmas season
 - G. Regis MS/HS- Paul Pedersen
 - a. Christ the King celebration
 - b. Just finishing up IOWA testing
 - c. Fall sports have finished and now entering the Winter sports season
 - d. Adoration tomorrow morning (November 21)
 - e. Working on Crisis plan
 - f. Tornado drill
 - g. Play today
 - h. Thanksgiving meal
 - i. Door decorating- Advent, not Christmas
 - H. Required Parent Meeting- Mark Gobler
 - a. Tom Reichenbacker spoke about Standards, Curriculum, and Instruction
- V. Other Business
- a. Mark stated that the budget needs to be submitted to the Diocese by the 12th
 - i. Enhancement of teacher pay
 - 1. We are currently 2nd in the Diocese behind Aquinas
 - 2. Increase base for everyone
 - 3. Coaches and advisors haven't seen a raise since 2004
 - 4. Raise the percentage, or maybe a combination of both
 - b. Our Lobbyist for the Choice program will be back for at least two years
 - i. Shooting for uncapped
 - ii. Same audit as public schools for school and lunch
 - c. ACT Aspire pre-test was held at Regis
 - d. ACT will be provided by Regis for the first time. Probably held at St. Pats
 - e. Bill and Mark set up a Regis Catholic Schools night at an Express Game on Sunday, June 7 2015, 5-7 pm
 - i. Invited Thorp, Boyd, St. Joseph (Menomonie) Durand, Independence, Bloomer, McDonnell, and Tilden
 - ii. Will call it "Chippewa Valley Catholic Schools Night"
- VI. Closing Prayer and Adjournment- by Father Guanella