

**Regis Catholic Schools  
Education Commission Meeting Notes  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm**

**Present:**

Becky Alexander  
Renee Cassidy  
Rev. Alan Guanella  
Mark Gobler  
Barb Haag

Teresa Johnson  
Val Knobloch  
Meghan Kulig  
Rev Don Meuret  
Paul Pedersen

Mark Seyer  
Reid Sollberger  
Rev Felix Tigoy  
Patty Usher

**Absent:**

Denise Boos  
Gayle Flaig  
Rev Tom Krieg

Pat Lange  
Kelly Mechelke  
Rev. David Olson

Rev. Derek Sakowski  
Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu  
Bill Uelmen

Minutes: Teresa Johnson

**I. Opening**

**Call to Order:** Patty Usher

**Prayer:** Father Don Meuret

**Introduction** Mark Gobler introduced the new RCS Communications Director, Meghan Kulig

**September Notes:** Accepted

**II. Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Teaching & Learning – Val Knobloch indicated they will be soliciting for new committee members soon.
- b. Catholic Identity – Becky Alexander 9/30 meeting report:
  - i. Reviewed Rosary time as it was not well attended last year during the early morning time. Kourtney Kuba is changing the time to Tues or Thurs at 2:15pm
  - ii. Deanery wide youth group contains about 1/3 to 1/2 of Regis students.
  - iii. Diocesan speakers – Chris Ruff in December and possibly Jeff & Alice Heinzen
  - iv. Dress Code – Eric Nelson and approximately 6-8 students will assist with Dress code review.

- v. Church History Class – Some feel that there is too much in one year of Church History class, recommending scaling back this class.
- c. Governance – No report
- d. School life – new RCS website is expected to launch at the end of October.
- e. Foundation – Mark Seyer
  - i. Getting brochures out for gift planning and plaques being made.
  - ii. No October meeting and instead will meet in December. Election of officers will take place at December meeting.
  - iii. Annual Fund as of 10/13 Regis Fund \$71,000; TPP \$22,000
  - iv. Annual report in progress
  - v. Salary Committee formed and includes the following members: Bill Uelmen, Dr. Todd Hehli, Chuck Larson, Duane Dingmann, and Howard Ludwigson
  - vi. Charity Auction – numbers may be down due to holding it a little earlier than normal. Looking at other places to hold the function next year.

### **III. RCS Administration – Mark Gobler and Staff**

- a. Communications – Mark Gobler
  - i. Welcome Meghan Kulig; Shannon Rahkola and Bill Uelmen working on Annual Report
- b. Teresa Johnson - Enrollment
  - i. Discussion on enrollment report handout
- c. Renee Cassidy – IC
  - i. New evaluation process for teachers this year (handout). All new teachers and some veteran teachers will be evaluated this year with this new program.
  - ii. IC will have a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11
  - iii. Friday, October 10, IC honored National Bullying Prevention Month with “Kindness in Chalk”
  - iv. Lunch with principal on Wednesday, October 22. So far 22 RSVP.
- d. Curriculum – reported by Renee Cassidy
  - i. December 1 Staff Development – Focus on Math, SS, and Guidance; Aimsweb training (Math, reading, writing assessments)
- e. Paul Pedersen – Regis Middle/High School
  - i. Iowa Basic Skills Test – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders
  - ii. WKCE –8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Gr Choice
  - iii. Chromebooks – positive feedback and being used more regularly in classrooms than iPads were.
  - iv. Conferences next Monday, Oct 20 (online conference booking - MS slots are filled and HS has a few openings)
  - v. Author Francisco Stork will present at the middle school on Friday, Oct. 17

- vi. 2 teachers are working after school with 7-8 students who need a little extra help.
  - vii. Pro-Life speaker on Friday, October 24, 9:45am at Regis
  - viii. Homecoming last week went smoothly
  - ix. End of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is on 10/31. No paper copies of report cards will be sent this year with the exception of end of year report cards. All report cards/grades are accessible on skyward.
  - x. Dress Code Meeting – Eric Nelson, Paul Pedersen, and 5 students reviewing dress code
- f. Mark Gobler
- i. November 17 – required parent meeting at Regis. Diocesan assistant superintendent to speak on our standards.
  - ii. Guidance Counselors will meet on a monthly basis; one counselor will be present at a future commission meeting to report on their meeting.
  - iii. Finance Council approved paying off remainder of debt to Diocese.
- g. Fr. Alan Guanella
- i. Announcement – On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Sixth graders will attend a retreat at St. Raymond's parish.

#### **IV. Strategic Plan**

- a. Leadership Team will review Strategic Plan at next week's meeting. Follow-up in December.

#### **V. Adjournment**

- a. Closing Prayer – Father Guanella
- b. Adjourned at 6:25pm