

**Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2016
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm**

Present:

Becky Alexander	Rev. Tom Krieg	Paul Pedersen
Renee Cassidy	Meghan Kulig	Rev. Derek Sakowski
Gayle Flaig	Linda Marx	Tanya Schmitz
Mark Gobler	Kelly K. Mechelke	Reid Sollberger
Rev. Alan Guanella	Very Rev. Don Meuret	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
Rev. Paul Hoffman	Rev. Dan Oudenhoven	Patty Usher
Val Knobloch		

Absent:

Pat Lange	Carisa Smiskey	Bill Uelmen
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Minutes: Tanya Schmitz

I. Opening

Call to Order: Patty Usher 5:05pm

Opening Prayer: Rev. Alan Guanella

Acceptance of January Minutes: Accepted

II. Standing Committees

a. Governance presented by Renee Cassidy

i. Report in March

b. School Life presented by Paul Pedersen

i. Recent meeting to define what school life committee is

ii. Exploratory/introductory meeting only

iii. Discussion regarding fundraising

1. Very Rev. Don Meuret advised this fundraising examination go through Development to which Paul Pedersen responded he did not want to step on Development's toes

2. Very Rev. Don Meuret commented that Development is a good resource

3. Patty Usher advised to be mindful of the accounting piece and how it relates to these gifts and reiterated Very Rev. Don Meuret's advice to use Development

iv. Discussion regarding parent-led groups needing organization

1. Booster clubs should be aligned to avoid competition

2. Paul Pedersen along with Meghan Kulig and Pat Lange to work to unite the clubs and become a conduit to Education Commission and Mark Gobler

c. Teaching and Learning presented by Kelly K. Mechelke

Handouts: RCS Procedures for Constructing/Evaluating Curriculum and Spring Music Program Announcement

i. These items will have a staggered release first to staff, then to families

ii. Meghan Kulig to publish once approved

iii. Teaching and Learning will meet 3 times per year

iv. Administrator and then Priests to approve each prospective parent to join committee

1. Rev. Derek Sakowski recommends a date stamp on the procedure manual so most current manual is what is published

2. Patty Usher requests all information be sent to Teresa Johnson to send out to Education Commission Members for preview prior to meetings

v. Kelly K. Mechelke will bring the RCS Procedures for Constructing/Evaluating Curriculum to the Education Commission in April for approval

- d. Catholic Identity presented by Becky Alexander
 - i. Nothing new to report

III. Communications Report presented by Meghan Kulig

- a. Busy enrollment season propped up by ads on WEAU, WQOW, and Spectrum Reach (Charter)
- b. Children's Museum of Eau Claire
 - i. RCS sponsorship of Toddler Park right in front with RCS Logo
 - ii. RCS marketing materials in feeding nook
 - iii. Three-year contract budgeted out of Meghan Kulig's Communications budget
- c. Baby bibs for staff baby gifts
 - i. Baby bibs with the RCS logo will be given to staff who has babies as gifts
 - ii. Meghan Kulig asks Priests to approve bibs for all babies who are baptized if the budget allows depending on the count
 - 1. Meghan Kulig to go through Parish secretaries to get a more accurate count of the babies baptized during the year of 2015 in order to see if this can be budgeted
- d. New athletics program website via Varsity News Network (ramblersathletics.com)
 - i. An ESPN-style site to use for Regis athletics
 - ii. Sending out information to families on Monday
 - iii. Coaches are being trained on how to add scores
 - iv. Banner for ramblerathletics.com added to RCS homepage
 - v. Soft launch included photo galleries and video section; future streaming
 - vi. Site goes live Monday

IV. Old Business

- a. School Start Time Update presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Altoona did flip, St. Mary's is not affected
 - ii. ECASD plated this topic, private schools want to keep current times
 - 1. Rev. Derek Sakowski inquired about the merit of sending Letters to the Editor in which Mark Gobler responded that ECASD is not open to feedback at this time
 - iii. Student Transit's costs would increase by \$900,000/yr and there are not enough bus drivers
 - iv. Increase in daycare costs for elementary-age children's earlier release time
 - v. Discussion amongst the group of this turning into a busing stipend issue where busing is denied and a stipend is given in its place like other locations
- b. Building Usage Agreements presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Through the Finance Council and is ready to be signed

V. New Business

- a. Catholic Schools Week Recap from each Building Administrator
 - i. St. James/St. Mary's presented by Kelly K. Mechelke
 - 1. SJ and SM: Memorize Monday
 - 2. SJ: Sports Warehouse in Eau Claire
 - 3. SM: Cabin Ridge Rides in Cadott
 - 4. SJ: CSW Committee and Sister Bernadine
 - 5. SJ and SM: All School Mass received tons of compliments
 - ii. Immaculate Conception presented by Renee Cassidy
 - 1. Holy Mary cards
 - 2. Angel Choir sang at Masses
 - 3. 23 Baskets: 3 students delivered around the city
 - A. Sheriff Kramer and the Jailers
 - B. Army Reserve
 - 4. Men's Blugolds basketball game
 - 5. Mass with Open House, served 90

- iii. RMS/RHS presented by Paul Pedersen
 - 1. Brains and Brawn with Mass
 - 2. Focus on Service: homeroom teachers wrote students notes and students wrote to select staff members
 - 3. All-School Mass: well-received and positive
 - 4. Ski Trip to Bruce Mound
 - 5. Religion classes made extra time for prayer in chapel
 - iv. RCDC/GCDC presented by Gayle Flaig
 - Handout: Regis Catholic Schools Week 2016 with a commitment to service
 - 1. Child and Adult Food Program discussion of three-year review coming up in March
- b. Eau Claire School Board Invite presented by Mark Gobler
- i. Mark Gobler anticipates an invitation

The Education Commission went into Closed Session at 5:50pm until 7:40pm

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 7:40pm by Very Rev. Don Meuret