

Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm

Present:

Becky Alexander	Rev. Tom Krieg	Rev. Dan Oudenhoven
Renee Cassidy	Meghan Kulig	Paul Pedersen
Mark Gobler	Pat Lange	Tanya Schmitz
Rev. Alan Guanella	Kelly K. Mechelke	Reid Sollberger
Rev. Paul Hoffman	Very Rev. Don Meuret	Patty Usher
Val Knobloch		

Absent:

Gayle Flaig	Rev. Derek Sakowski	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
Linda Marx	Carisa Smiskey	Bill Uelmen

Minutes: Tanya Schmitz

I. Opening

Call to Order: Patty Usher
Opening Prayer: Rev. Alan Guanella
Acceptance of November Minutes: Accepted

II. Tour of Auditorium

Tour of auditorium with narrative by Paul Pedersen and Mark Gobler

III. Communications Report presented by Meghan Kulig with Handout: CSW 2016

- a. CSW Parish Bulletin inserts: passed around for reviewing
- b. Greeters and readers at all six parishes weekend masses: script is available for readers
- c. TV Commercial: starting January 25 on WEAU and WQOW
- d. Admissions Booklet: redesigned to a smaller, handy size
- e. Rambler Report: next issue is mid-March

IV. Standing Committees

- a. Governance: no report
- b. School Life: meeting soon per Pat Lange
- c. Teaching and Learning: meeting soon per Val Knobloch
- d. Catholic Identity and Mission Integration: presented by Becky Alexander
 - i. Committee asks for discussion regarding fostering a slower schedule around Christmas in order to fully immerse in the season...Bishop's Cup, Dance, etc
 - ii. Committee requests Winter Break to read Christmas Break
 - iii. Committee has concerns regarding sports scheduling on Sundays to which Rev. Paul Hoffman replied this practice should be discouraged; Paul Pedersen added this is not a norm to have Sunday games and will follow up with the Athletic Directors regarding this
 - iv. Committee would like a reason for why school is scheduled on Easter Monday to which Mark Gobler replied it is mostly due to Choice adaptation
 - v. Rev. Paul Hoffman asked how different concerns come to the table and where those concerns go after the committee to which Becky Alexander replied they propose changes
 - vi. Meghan Kulig asked Becky Alexander for e-mail reminder regarding Mom's Prayer Group that Laura Rubenzer and Mary Jo Frank are hosting; Paul Pedersen would like these invitations to be extended to elementary school mothers also

V. Old Business

- a. Parent Night Open Forum Meeting presented by Paul Pedersen
 - i. Topic is QPR Suicide Prevention
 - ii. QPR was delivered to RMS/RHS on Staff Development Day
 - iii. Perhaps bring this to Seniors at a later date if this seems right
- b. BUA Update was to be presented by Rev. Derek Sakowski, Patty Usher covered this in his absence
 - i. After November meeting, it went to Finance Council where it was requested to change the verbiage on denial of access if payment not made, add clarity on language of negotiations, and make revisions regarding Choice funds
 - ii. Now it will go back to Finance Council for review, then will come to Education Commission
 - iii. Patty Usher created the document but made no alterations, revisions, adjustments, etc

VI. New Business

- a. Girls Hockey Co-op presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Decreasing player count; proposing a co-op
- b. WIAA Sportsmanship Controversy on agenda is being replaced with School Start Times presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Altoona and ECASD have made time adjustments at the different levels via flip flop
 - ii. St. Mary's start times to stay the same with the exception of 4K
 - iii. Jim Fey, Student Transit, would be open to holding our current start times if all private schools are on board; Mark Gobler has surveyed other private schools and will bring more to the Commission in February
 - iv. RCS is made up of 18% Choice students and must have a certain amount of instructional hours; busing times are relevant to this aspect of our demographic
- c. Planned Tuition Increase presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Increase will be \$100 at all levels: elementary, middle, and high
 - ii. In response to anticipated BUA increases in the elementary schools
 - iii. Percentages vary for that reason with the percentage being greatest in the elementary schools

VII. Administration Reports

- a. RCDC/GCDC: no report
- b. Regis MS/HS presented by Paul Pedersen
 - i. High School in finals: 2 half days, done in past, nothing new
 - ii. Middle School full days on these 2 days
 - iii. Grades being released electronically on January 28
 - iv. Departments prepping for course offerings next year: Math done, Science was today, Social Studies next week, other departments coming up
 - v. Setting assessment dates: Forward, Aspire, ACT
 - vi. Open Houses: last Monday had Open House for new families; still one more open house for new families and two more for current families, along with grade 5 shadow days coming up
 - vii. Brains and Brawn is January 30
 - viii. Winter Carnival
 - ix. 3 or 4 new students to Regis at the new semester
- c. Immaculate Conception presented by Renee Cassidy
 - i. Jump Rope Contest
 - ii. KG Preview next Thursday
 - iii. Report Cards with IOWA scores and overall elementary composite being released January 29
 - iv. CSW Planning
 - v. Staff Development on Monday including CPR, PDP, QPR, Curriculum, and Accreditation
- d. St. Mary's/St. James/Curriculum presented by Kelly K. Mechelke
 - i. Drawn to the Word at both schools in December
 - ii. First Reconciliation for grade 2 in both schools

- iii. KG Previews at both schools
- iv. 5 Preschool Open Houses with Cindy Sarazen at St. James
- v. Scholastic Book Fair at St. Mary's is done, St. James is currently running
- vi. \$425 Ann Marie Grant received for shed at St. James
- vii. \$2500 Ann Marie Grant received by Krista Kelly for literacy loft at St. Mary's
- viii. Grade 4 Religious Assessments taking place in February
- ix. Officer Nichols presenting on Bullying and the Internet to grade 5 at both schools at the end of January
- x. Christmas Service Project at St. James was Cross Catholic Outreach building a home in Haiti raised \$228
- xi. Christmas Service Projects at St. Mary's included Socks for Tots and a Craft Sale for Rev. Derek Sakowski
- xii. All School Counselors QPR Suicide Prevention-trained
- xiii. Curriculum Procedures in place with finalization at tomorrow's meeting; will bring this to the Commission at February meeting

VIII. Miscellaneous Mentions

*Val Knobloch: commented with a thank you for the nice tuition payment sheet to be used for taxes

*Rev. Paul Hoffman opened the floor to conversation regarding Catholic Mutual:

- St. Olaf is getting another estimate at their own expense because they took a 58% increase in premiums and questioning this is fiscal responsibility; estimates would be used for leverage towards a resolution
- Patty Usher asked what they substantiate the increase by to which Rev. Paul Hoffman replied they have not done an inspection in 17 years so no substantiation could have been collected
- Rev. Paul Hoffman looking for support from the other parishes and Regis in addressing these high figures and pursuing the reason for the increase; wonders if increase is in part because they are contractually bound to use Catholic Mutual
- Mark Goble input that Regis properties premiums increased from \$8000 to \$27000 and that checking the \$3-\$6 million box is no longer an option, now Regis must check the \$11 million box due to assessments by Catholic Mutual
- Rev. Paul Hoffman would like to know what all the properties amounts are from the other Parishes and Regis by end of February and if some properties did not go up, would like to know why they did not
- Mark Goble added that Kris Twining did inspect Regis recently
- There was strong support on the Commission for contacting Jim Birnbaum about this issue

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 6:15pm by Rev. Alan Guanella