

**Regis Catholic Schools**  
**Education Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, November 15, 2018**  
**Regis Room 107, 5:00 p.m.**

Present:

Becky Alexander	Jackie Lutz	Rev. Dan Sedlacek
Renee Cassidy	Christi Machler	Carisa Smiskey
Mark Gobler	Paul Pedersen	Reid Sollberger
Rev. Tom Krieg	Very Rev. Derek Sakowski	Bill Spangler
Meghan Kulig	Tanya Schmitz	Rev. Francis Thadathil

Absent:

Rachel Brogelman	Rev. Brian Jazdzewski	Rev. Dan Oudenhoven
Gayle Flaig	Rev. James Kurzynski	Linda Schultz
Brian Hoeschen	Linda Marx	Bill Uelmen
Kelly Hughes	Kelly K. Mechelke	

Minutes: Tanya Schmitz

I. Opening

Call to Order: Reid Sollberger 5:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Dan Sedlacek

Acceptance of September Minutes: Accepted with the following changes and additions:

Part II, section a, item:

- ii. to read: The Deanery PCCW paid for the Edge program which is used for the middle school youth group
- iv. to read: St. Mary's booklet which explains the Mass may be used for Regis Masses
- vi. add: All high school students will read Immaculee's book, *Left to Tell*, in preparation for the talk
- viii. to read: To better reflect our Catholic Identity, the committee, using funds raised by the Faith Council and donated by the Catholic Order of Foresters, is working on a project to dedicate each classroom to a saint; a plaque of each saint will be hung outside each classroom and the students will learn about that saint and ask for intercessory prayer
- ix. to read: Year one of the rewriting of the religion curriculum is almost done; Paul Pedersen has been part of this project

II. Standing Committees

a. Catholic Identity and Mission Integration presented by Becky Alexander

- i. St. Mary's classrooms are being named after saints with medals
- ii. \$3K of \$5K needed for Immaculee Ilibagiza speaking event has been donated by parents with consideration for grades 7 and 8 students to join RHS student for this event as well as MACS students
- iii. Crosswoods is selling thus no Adventure Camp this summer
- iv. Dance at pep rally inappropriate, with a request that music at sporting events, practices, during warm ups, etc should be more appropriate

- b. Teaching and Learning presented on behalf of Kelly K. Mechelke/Linda Schultz by Mark Gobler
  - i. Incoming freshmen will be assigned an advisor for their four year high school career
  - ii. Guidelines for Avenue to Pass
  - iii. Guidelines for physician-diagnosed mental health issues similar to concussion protocols
  - iv. STEAM will have the same design for the upcoming summer as last summer
  - v. Policy will be implemented for Odysseyware Course Completion
  - vi. Writing assessment for Grades 2-8 is being researched
  - vii. Wisconsin Forward assessment in place of IOWA Testing
  - viii. ACT State average was 20.5, Regis average was 24.7 with the most gains in math and science
  - ix. Next meeting is February 5
- c. School Life: no report

### III. Central Office Reports

- a. Communication Report presented by Meghan Kulig
  - i. Rambler Report including the Annual Report will be published beginning of December
  - ii. Diocesan video shoot wrapping up with plans for video vignettes to come later on subject areas such as Spanish, preschool, CDCs, elementary, etc
- b. Auction Report presented by Meghan Kulig
  - i. Bill Spangler and Jeff Kassing signed on as chairs once again for next year at the Florian Gardens
  - ii. \$92K raised along with approx. \$40K for Fund-A-Need with each building getting approx. \$6700
- c. Scrip Hours during Christmas Break presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Will be open as usual the week before Christmas Break
  - ii. During Christmas Break, the Scrip Office will be open on December 27
  - iii. Will reopen on January 2

### IV. Valedictorian Policy presented by Paul Pedersen

- a. Multiple valedictorians to be eliminated effective Class of 2022
- b. It is highlighted that the June 2018 Education Commission Meeting minutes show Class of 2023
- c. Discussion ensued regarding whether a communication should go out to families clarifying the class in which this is effective
- d. Mark Gobler, Paul Pedersen, Meghan Kulig, and Reid Sollberger will meet to consider publishing something on behalf of Regis and the Commission

### V. Old Business

- a. Strategic Plan 19/20 presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Drafting an appeal for stakeholders to join strategic planning committee
  - ii. Meetings on January 19 and February 16
  - iii. Tentatively scheduled to have strategic plan ready for March Education Commission Meeting agenda
- b. DOJ Safety/Mental Health Parent Night presented by Paul Pedersen
  - i. Paul Pedersen addressed the topics of Act 143 and mandatory reporting
  - ii. Mark Gobler shared the details of the grant funding
  - iii. Pam Foegen addressed mental health training
- c. Accreditation by Renee Cassidy  
HANDOUT: WRISA Standard Goals and Improvement Plans
  - i. Accreditation team met October 23 and will meet again in February
- d. Dress Code presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. A new dress code will be formulated after strategic plan is complete

VI. New Business

- a. Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Conferences presented by Mary Donnellan and Holly Chilson
  - i. The most experienced team is Kindergarten
  - ii. With this experience, comes the knowledge that earlier conferences would be advantageous to understand the family dynamic, reassure parents, determine the need for interventions such as speech, and respond to the accelerated demands in emotional, academic, and behavioral aspects
  - iii. The kindergarten team is requesting end of September conferences with an emphasis on goal-setting instead of grade-based conferences
  - iv. Carisa Smiskey added that the feedback from all elementary level PLCs has been one of support for earlier conferences for all elementary grades; Mark Gobler asks that principals confirm with their elementary teachers their desire for this change and get back to him with feedback; elementary conferences may go to September dependent on his feedback effective for the 19/20 school year
- b. NCEA National Convention April 2019 presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. RCS Foundation is sponsoring some of the expenses associated with attendance to this convention by teaching staff
  - ii. Anita Wahl, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator, will attend along with teachers from each building
- c. ACT Scores presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. ACT scores addressed previously
- d. Impact of Recent Statewide Elections presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. School Choice does not foresee any changes with the exception of adjusting income levels and entry points
  - ii. RCS will invite legislators for a visit to build rapport

VII. School Reports (attached)

- a. St. James highlighted the piloting of a new Resource Room with Odysseyware and Chromebooks
- b. Immaculate Conception highlighted the standing room only Veterans Mass
- c. St. Mary's asked for prayers for the family of a kindergartener whose father passed away

Closing Prayer by Very Rev. Derek Sakowski

Adjournment

Next Meeting: January 17, 2019

## Regis Campus Commission Report

November 2018

- 1) Report Cards for the First Quarter were sent electronically via Skyward to families Friday, Nov 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Department meetings at the middle and high school are being set for each subject area starting at the end of November and through December to start planning for the 2019-2020 school year. Courses to be offered, staffing, textbooks, subscriptions, technology, etc. for each subject is discussed.
- 3) All courses to be offered have been entered into Career Cruising for the purpose of course selection. This was recently conducted by the HS counselor to help with creating student class schedules and student ACP (Academic and Career Planning)
- 4) Combining with McDonell for HS Winter Carnival Dance. This is the first time trying this, but there was a lot of interest by the student body of both schools.
- 5) Regis will celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 6) Advent Penance Dates have been set. HS will be on Dec. 11 and MS will be on Dec. 18.
- 7) Tours and Shadow Days have been busier than past years for Semester 1.
- 8) Skylert messaging system is being introduced to the HS students to sign into next week.
- 9) International Trips to Europe for our students: Italy/Rome (Faith and Art) Spring 2019. Both Germany and Spain (foreign language department) Spring 2020.
- 10) ACT Composite 24.7. Subject areas with the biggest improvement in comparing to the last 5 year trends were Math and Science.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

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## Immaculate Conception School

- Enrollment at IC is 204 students.
- We have four new IC teachers this year. Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, one 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, and one 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.
- Veterans Day program was standing room only in the gym. There were about 35 veterans that we thanked for their service.
- Two Jeans for Jeans collection took place in November. One for the Girls Scouts who died and one for the Hanevold family who has a baby daughter at Milwaukee's Children's Hospital who had recent heart surgery.
- We collected 811 pounds of non-perishable food items for St. Francis Food Pantry on Thursday, November 15.
- On December 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Immaculate Feast Day since the holy day of obligation is on a Saturday. We will distribute Marion medals and Father will bless them.
- Our Advent Wreath lighting of the candles will be every Monday at morning announcements.
- Advent service projects begin in every grade starting after Thanksgiving.
- Seven 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls proposed a new recycling plan and we accepted it: no more straws, place recycling bin in cafeteria to throw plastic water bottle into, use real silverware and not plastic utensils.

Regis  
High  
School

Regis  
Middle  
School

Immaculate  
Conception  
Elementary



St. James  
Elementary

St. Mary's  
Elementary

Genesis & Regis  
Child  
Development

## St. James School Report for November

Fire Department visits and safety presentations went well for K-3 students; Each PrK section went to the fire station for field trips

Security doors are tentatively scheduled for Thanksgiving Break

Road construction is finished on 11th Street

Staff using Crisis Go app; working through the glitches; subs using the Crisis Go tablets that John Cook provided along with substitute copier numbers, attendance access, etc. St. James staff went to DeLong so we know where to go in case of an emergency. We will go with the students in the spring for an evacuation drill.

In the process of creating an online resource room for students with high needs

Lockers are complete with trim; scratches repaired

A group of 5th-grade students talked to the principal about a plan of making yarn bracelets and necklaces and donating all proceeds to Bob's House for Dogs

Benefactor of Jeans for Jesus in October - the Dyslexia Center  
November - Veterans Home in Chippewa Falls

4th-grade students researched saints and shared what they learned during the *Meet and Greet the Saints*.

5th-grade class hosted a reception after our Veterans Mass. The students passed out flag pins and made Thank You cards.

St. James and St. Mary's 4th graders had a joint field trip to the Ice Age Trail.

Teachers are in the process of doing BEST screenings of their students. This will help show if interventions are needed.

## St. Mary's November Commission Report

- Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students had a wonderful pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in October.
  
- Parents and teachers came together for conferences on October 26 to set student goals and discuss progress during the first months of the school year.
  
- Fourth Grade students hosted a saint "Meet and Greet" on All Saints' Day and were dressed as the saints they researched.
  
- The teachers at St. Mary's chose patron saints over the summer for each classroom. On All Saints' Day, Father Sakowski blessed medals of the patron saints to be given to each of our K-5 students.
  
- On All Souls' Day, we welcomed "The Magic of Isaiah" to St. Mary's. Isaiah taught about the miracles and lives of five different saints while impressing students with tricks and illusions.
  
- Fourth grade students from St. James and St. Mary's spent a day at the Ice Age Trail last week.
  
- Our Veterans' Day celebration took place on November 9 with Mass, songs, and a reception for veterans within our community.
  
- Our Thanksgiving Feast is next Tuesday; Father Sedlacek, Mrs. Falbo, Mrs. Galewski and Mrs. Smiskey are all competing in Minute-to-Win-It games against students.