

**Regis Catholic Schools  
Education Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm**

Present:

Becky Alexander	Meghan Kulig	Rev. Derek Sakowski
Renee Cassidy	Pat Lange	Tanya Schmitz
Mark Goble	Linda Marx	Linda Schultz
Rev. Alan Guanella	Very Rev. Don Meuret	Reid Sollberger
Rev. Paul Hoffman	Rev. Dan Oudenhoven	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
Rev. Tom Krieg	Paul Pedersen	Patty Usher

Absent:

Gayle Flaig	Carisa Smiskey	Bill Uelmen
Kelly K. Mechelke		

Minutes: Tanya Schmitz

I. Opening

Call to Order: Patty Usher 5:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Alan Guanella

Acceptance of September Minutes: Accepted with the correction in New Business part f., section v., to say "St. Mary's Parish sent a mailing to new families in Altoona offering free tuition for a new student"

II. Standing Committees

a. School Life: nothing to report

b. Teaching and Learning presented by Linda Schultz

- i. Accreditation Report by Renee Cassidy was reviewed at last meeting
- ii. Curriculum procedures will be used moving forward
- iii. Kayla Bahnub is working on a Curriculum/Course Change Proposal form
- iv. Grade-level assessment meetings as well as professional learning communities set by Kelly K. Mechelke
  1. Patty Usher inquired as to whether this information can be published on a webpage to which Renee Cassidy and Linda Schultz agreed this was not appropriate data disclosure
  2. Mark Goble responded these methods are only forms of measurement to help teachers help students
  3. Patty Usher asked about length of term for those on the committee to which Rev. Derek Sakowski agreed the terms at this time are open-ended

c. Catholic Identity presented by Becky Alexander

- i. Positive feedback to the Campus Minister position being filled
- ii. Recent NET Retreat
- ii. CSW: Fight Hunger with the Rotary Club
- iv. Request to showcase the actions that show our Catholic faith more which led to sharing that the Rambler Report has given a column spot to the new Faith Council

III. Guest: Campus Minister Kristin Betlej

- i. Duties in the Middle and High School include setting up grade-level retreats and mass volunteers
- ii. As Deanery Youth Minister, duties include: creating events for youth groups splitting time between the parishes and offices, working with D.R.E.s on development of programs

- iii. Becky Alexander asked about the High School retreat to which Kristin Betlej responded there were only 3 students however the Middle School was a strong 21
- iv. Rev. Derek Sakowski asked that dates of all retreats be distributed to the parishes and Very Rev. Don Meuret expanded that request to cover the commission also
- v. Patty Usher inquired to the price associated with NET Ministries to which Rev. Alan Guanella responded that it was a good price adding that he would like to see a rotation of sorts allowing for a variety of groups to come in; this would allow at least one prominent group during the four-year career of a High School student
- vi. Paul Pedersen recommends the Faith Council get involved in the housing aspect of retreats

IV. Communication Report presented by Meghan Kulig

- i. RCS Auction preparations wrapping up; Raffle Tickets sales upcoming and wine pull donations are still needed, advertising on WEAU
  - 1. Happy to report many first timers on attendees roll for RCS Auction
- ii. Rambler Report issue coming in November
- ii. Promotion of Veteran's Mass/Ceremony in cooperation with Eau Claire Patriotic Council at Regis once again this year, however, the Council likes to rotate and it will not be at Regis for a few years after this year
  - 1. Mark Gobler gives kudos to Eric Nelson for his work to get this honor at Regis
- iv. ECASD Referendum Facts Letter distribution via Mark Gobler

V. Old Business

- a. November 14 Parent Meeting presented by Paul Pedersen  
Handout: Crisis Go App
  - i. Safety Protocols Powerpoint
  - ii. Review of the offerings by Crisis Go
    - 1. ECPD recommends the use of this for RCS and ECASD is currently using it on the same recommendation by ECPD
    - 2. Cost is approximately \$2800 the first year for setup and licensing fees and drops after that
- b. Enrollment Strategies/Ideas presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Exploring free KG up to 90 spots opened up to current families first
  - ii. Discounted tuition to those who leave Regis to go to public school but may return with tuition discount
  - iii. Linda Marx asked for tuition projections; Controller, Kelly Hughes, working on numbers for all of these possibilities
- c. Multi-purpose Outdoor Facilities presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Company returning November 2 to give cost analysis and report on maintenance and sustainable updates
  - ii. Three-line power source to Regis on 35-yard line reported by Mark Gobler to which Patty Usher asked if this would limit choice of surface to which Mark Gobler replied it would not

VI. New Business

- a. Catholic Schools Week and All School Mass presented by Mark Gobler and Rev. Alan Guanella
  - i. Mass at Regis with Bishop on Wednesday of CSW in Auditorium
    - 1. Possibility for Fifth Grade to attend this Mass
    - 2. Many would like to see an additional Elementary Mass or a combined All-School Mass in the gymnasium with the Bishop

- b. ECASD: Referendum, Late Start Times presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Mark Gobler and Patty Usher crafted a Referendum Facts letter that Meghan Kulig distributed in response to a video put out by the ECASD called "Road to Referendum"
  - ii. Mark Gobler meeting with other private schools to draft a proposal asking for our start times to remain the same, adding it is state-required to bus our students
- c. Food Service: Wellness Committee, Kitchen and Cafeteria Upgrades presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Principals and Phy-ed Teachers make up a wellness committee; more will be shared about this committee at the next Education Commission Meeting
  - ii. Food Service surplus is available to make upgrades to kitchens; Mark Gobler asks that each school take a look at the needs in each building and contact him with requests to utilize this surplus; Rev. Tom Krieg asked for the timeframe on this to which Mark Gobler responded by the spring
- d. November 17 Meeting presented by Mark Gobler
  - i. Recommendation to move November 17 Meeting to December 1 which was agreed on by the group

VII. Staff Reports were tabled for next meeting

Closing Prayer by Rev. Dan Oudenhoven at 6:34 p.m.

Adjournment by Patty Usher at 6:35 p.m.