

**Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Regis Room 107, 5:00pm**

Present:

Becky Alexander	Jackie Lutz	Carisa Smiskey
Renee Cassidy	Linda Marx	Reid Sollberger
Gayle Flaig	Rev. Dan Oudenhoven	Bill Spangler
Mark Gobler	Paul Pedersen	Rev. Arockia Amirtha Raj Stanislaus
Brian Hoeschen	Very Rev. Derek Sakowski	Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu
Rev. Paul Hoffman	Tanya Schmitz	Rev. Dan Thelen
Griffin Johnson	Linda Schultz	Bill Uelmen
Meghan Kulig		

Absent:

Kelly Hughes	Kelly K. Mechelke	Rebekah Thurner
Rev. Tom Krieg	Rev. Don Meuret	

Minutes: Tanya Schmitz

I. Opening

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

Opening Prayer: Rev. Dan Thelen

Acceptance of September Minutes: Accepted with the following changes:

Section III, part c, item i: eliminate campus, add high school to read "High School Youth Group"

Section V, part c, item ii: replace 7 with 12 to read "WPCP added 12 students"

Introduction of Faculty and Student Representative(s):

Jackie Lutz, Fourth Grade Teacher at Immaculate Conception, in her third year

Griffin Johnson, Tenth Grade Student at Regis High School, in cooperation with Rebekah Thurner

II. Standing Committees

a. Catholic Identity and Mission Integration: no report

b. School Life: no report

c. Teaching and Learning presented by Linda Schultz

i. Meeting yielded Paul Pedersen's presentation of a fine arts proposal to which the Committee strongly recommended putting into place for the 2018/2019 school year

ii. Change Proposal Form to be introduced to staff in waves: first as part of a faculty meeting, then as part of small groups, finally as part of staff development

iii. Renee Cassidy presented on Accreditation

iv. Carisa Smiskey presented on the Science Committee/STEM employing better alignment, along with some Math and Science name changes per Paul Pedersen

v. Suzy Sturz outlined a new plan for resource offerings to be delivered to fifth grade students late in their final elementary year via Pam Foegen and School Counselors in order to provide more support and involvement in homework club, etc. for struggling students

vi. Paul Pedersen briefed the Committee on the WI-Oshkosh CAPP program

III. Central Office Reports

- a. Communication Report presented by Meghan Kulig
 - i. Auction \$43,800 in cash sponsorships by area businesses
 - 1. 200 registered guests and volunteers, volunteer list is full
 - 2. Regis Pride Day secured \$1,200 from the schools to purchase baskets
 - 3. Raffle Tickets available at Central Office
 - 4. Money raised via Auction will go towards tuition assistance
 - ii. Rambler Report to be out by Thanksgiving
 - iii. Eau Claire Chamber Leadership Program: Meghan Kulig is a part of this, thus will miss several meetings
- b. Advancement Report presented by Bill Uelmen
HANDOUT: Advancement Report, October 2017
 - i. Tuition Partnership Program letter passed around, the money from this goes to teacher bonuses, staff development, master's program, co-curriculars, etc.
 - ii. Field of Dreams Campaign competed with the Capital Campaign
 - iii. Non-Sibi on January 27 at Regis
 - iv. Working to clean up endowments as well as scholarships with a different approach
- c. Finance Report presented by Mark Gobler
HANDOUTS: Financial Comparison Between Schools and K-12 Enrollment and Tuition
 - i. Noted the trends and the impact of Choice on revenue collection and newly generated funds adding that the tuition doesn't cover the real cost of educating a child
 - ii. Per pupil amount is the least in the Diocese
 - iii. In terms of system salaries, Regis is competitive
- d. Child Development Centers presented by Gayle Flaig (added to agenda)
 - i. Fiscally strong, enrollment steady, busy with renovations
 - ii. Upcoming staff development and training
 - iii. Large number of students went on to RCS elementary schools

IV. Old Business

- a. Parent Nights presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. November 13: Prescription Drug Abuse
 - ii. February 5: Energy Bus, also an Energy Bus Webinar for Parents on November 8
- b. Accreditation presented by Renee Cassidy
HANDOUTS: WRISA Domains and Standards, WRISA Committees
 - i. Renee Cassidy and Jackie Lutz attended meeting, the State Board meets on November 9
 - ii. Last self-study checklist being sent October 20
 - iii. Seven-year accreditation cost comparison: AdvancEd \$6,000/year plus team expenses, WRISA is less than \$800/year plus team expenses
- c. Field of Dreams Update presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Turf manufactured in Italy, hurricanes altered shipping time frames
 - ii. Contractor will lay it, but not adhere it due to cold temperatures
 - iii. Better security system to be installed
 - iv. Snow removal issues being worked through
 - v. Renee Cassidy asked if the track and field will be ready for Walk for Virtues to which Mark Gobler replied yes
 - vi. Reid Sollberger asked Griffin Johnson for his gauge on the student response to this to which Griffin Johnson replied the students are excited about the Field of Dreams
 - vii. Mark Gobler thanked St. James for the use of their land and hospitality to the football team while it was displaced during the Field of Dreams construction
- d. WIAA Rural/Urban Basketball Plan presented by Mark Gobler
 - i. Division changes for private schools stalling due to issues of precedence and possible legal injunction

V. New Business

- a. Fiber Optics/Broadband Improvements/Technology presented by Mark Gobler on behalf of John Cook
 - i. Contract with CESA for this to save money while expanding broadband
 - ii. Expansion will be done in waves: Regis this year, Immaculate Conception and St. Mary's next year, St. James year after; St. James is tough due to location, will possibly splice off Roosevelt or Sherman
 - iii. Expansion will speed up wi-fi connection for iPads
- b. Fine Arts Focus presented by Judine Brey will be tabled for the next meeting
- c. Diocesan System Schools Data via Mark Gobler
 - i. Compiling the data to include salaries, etc.
 - ii. Regis is healthy and on solid ground
 - iii. Will include demographics of students such as ethnicity, Catholic/non-Catholic, etc.
- d. Athletic Schedules presented by Paul Pedersen (added to agenda)
 - i. Protection of Sundays and Wednesday evenings to allow for athletes to attend confirmation classes, etc. from the standpoint of school-sponsored athletic programs, Varsity only for special circumstances
 - ii. RCS has no control over travel teams
 - iii. Working with Athletic Directors and Kristin Betlej accounting for schedules
 - iv. Very Rev. Derek Sakowski showed support for drafting a better policy on this for Regis to which Paul Pedersen said he, Kristin Betlej, and the Athletic Directors will work together to follow through on this

VI. School Reports via Handout

VII. Other Business

- a. Announcement of Very Rev. Derek Sakowski presented by Reid Sollberger
 - i. Congratulations to Very Rev. Derek Sakowski on his appointment as Dean of Regis Catholic Schools, much applause
- b. Energy Bus presented by Jackie Lutz
 - i. School Counselors building lessons around the book
 - ii. Parents are enjoying hearing about the book and are showing strong support

Closing Prayer by Rev. George Thayikuzhithottu

Adjournment by Reid Sollberger at 6:27 p.m.