

Regis Catholic Schools
Education Commission Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2019

Regis Room 107 5:00 pm

Present: Fr. Sedlacek, Fr. Thadathil, Fr. Kurzynski, Fr. Krieg, Fr. Sakowski, Mark Gobler, Linda Marx, Brian Hoeschen, Reid Sollberger, Bill Spangler, Becky Alexander, Jackie Lutz, Renee Cassidy, Paul Pedersen, Linda Schultz, Sandy Makuck (recorder)

- I. Meeting called to order – Becky Alexander, 5:00 pm
Opening Prayer from Fr. Sedlacek
Minutes from March were approved by Renee and 2nd by Linda Marx

- II. Standing Committee
Teaching and Learning – do not meet until October
Catholic Identity – no report
School Life – no report

- III. Central Office Reports
Paul Pederson went over the Senior Exit Survey. The rating of the school counselor was from the past counselor. They have since hired a new counselor and she is fantastic. Faith Experience from the student side had a substantial increase, and most categories increased. It has been low or average in the past but nice improvement this year. He advised this is a very cohesive class and they are very close, he feels this is why the survey was more favorable.

Mark Gobler indicated he has been looking at enrollment numbers with Roberta Christenson. Right now they have 209 voucher applications with 194 accepted, this is an increase from 167 from last year. Ninety-one new students this next year. We had forty students graduated this year in 18/19 with a kindergarten numbers of 67. Alarming numbers from 5th Grade to 9th Grade. Fifty-Six 5th Graders and Forty-Six 9th Graders. A bunch of 8th Graders went to Delong. Loosing students who are in individual sports such as Tennis and Soccer. Lost one to too much religion. Paul Pedersen looked into why not enrolling, doesn't seem to be one reason, seems to be more and more parents are letting the student choose and parents aren't wanting to say no.

Accreditation – Meeting in August. Jessica Williams is coming to go through personnel files on October 28 & 29.

IV. Old Business

Finance Council Update - Fr. Sakowski gave an update.

Snow Day Cancellation – Mark Gobler advised about hosting students at schools is there is a snow day. Questions that need to be answered: Does it count as a day of instruction? Liability Issues? Mark Gobler and Meghan Kulig are working on a survey to put out to parents. He wants to see the results as to what parents respond from what schools. Do we open just some building? How will we staff this building? Would teachers volunteer their time? Charge parents? Lunch provided? Talked about buses might have to cancel services because of liability issues and since we do not have our own buses.

Meeting Dates 19/20 – August 15 will be changed to August 29

And May 21 will stay the same for now, we will look if we need to change at a later date.

Parent Advocacy Mental Health – Paul Pedersen advised we have policies and practices in place when bullying issues arise but not in the case of other student issues such as eating disorders or anxiety. Staff and Teachers no equipped to handle these issues because of no training. A Parent Advocacy Group was formed with the help of Pam Foegen and parents from each school, to have these conversations what issues students are facing. They will be having quarterly meetings and notes will be published on Pam Foegen's website. This is an area of concern to continue to keep our eyes open to. Increase in anxiety issues with more stress and pressure demands at younger ages, with little or no resources available, or the availability of counseling services. Licensed Therapist providing resources for students and parents. Fr. Thadathil added that students have no time for themselves running from one thing to another. Principals attended a Mental Health Training with Pam Foegen.

Building Reports on Religious Assessments – Renee Cassidy and Jackie Lutz indicated letters went home to 5th Grade parents with the scores. The area that scored high was on attending mass. Renee Cassidy had to leave the meeting and it will be her last meeting. Mark Gobler thanked her for her dedication to Regis. Renee was honored to have served 35 years with Regis Catholic Schools.

Fr. Sedlacek on 11th Gr Diocesan - Lack of practices with praying with your family. How do we try to promote this? Percent of students who attend mass is not high enough, but not a concern. Please contact Fr. Sedlacek if you would like a report.

V. New Business

Teacher interviews updates – Mark Gobler indicated from Immaculate Conception 2nd Grade Teacher Mrs. Wampler.

5th Gr Teacher Mrs. Machler. Mrs. Machler moving to Middle School 6th Grade reading, 3rd Grade Teacher hired, she's catholic, and right out of College

2nd Grade Teacher hired with 10 years teaching experience

Phy-ed Teacher Retiring

Middle School update

6th Grade Reading Mrs. Machler

Band Instructor in place just waiting to sign on Monday

Chemistry – Potential candidate

Librarian – still conducting interviews. Have four candidates, three with Master Degree and one with Associates.

Family Health Insurance – Mark Gobler indicated there are only 9 families enrolled in the Family Health Insurance.

- VI. School Reports – Principals all sent in. Jackie Lutz indicated she had a family come in and did a tour and they enrolled and attended school the next Monday.

Closing Prayer Fr. Sedlacek

Meeting adjourned 6:12 p.m.