



*“Fostering disciples of Christ through faith, service and academics”*

**Attendance:**

X = present: [redacted] = Duplicate

Parishes	Pastor		Parish Rep	
Holy Name	Fr. Sam Martin	X	Mike Murphy	
Resurrection	Msgr. Mark Pierce	X	Laura Reamer	X
St. Michael	Msgr. Mark Pierce	[redacted]	Cathy Hackel	X
St. Anne	Fr. Tom Lindner		John Knoll	X
St. Mark	Fr. Al Slowiak	X	Rick Svenes	[redacted]
St. Matthew	Fr. Bob Thorn		Jack Reeves	X
St. Mary	Msgr. Joseph Diermeier		Claire Meney	
St. Paul	Fr. Don Meuret			
St. Therese	Fr. Albert Saleth		Marcy Stenstrom	
NCMS/HS Chaplain, Associate Pastor	Fr. Erik Mashak			
<b>Committees</b>			<b>Ex-Officio</b>	
Commission Chair	Rick Svenes		Jeff Gulan, President	X
Finance Chair	Chris Pfender		Sarah Keene, Director of Adv.	X
Athletics Chair	Ross Bodenheimer		Tom Reichenbacher, Diocese	
<b>Guests</b>			<b>Support</b>	
Jacci Lepak	Shirley Heise	X	Samantha Nevienski, Controller	
	Terry Vechinski	X	Renita Ulrich, Recording Secretary	X
	Carl Fech	X		
	Amy Faust	X		
	Sarah Welch			
	Amy Mettlach	X		

**I. Opening Prayer by Msgr. Mark Pierce**

**II. May 31, 2022 minutes reviewed and approved**

**III. New Member Introductions**

- A. Jack Reeves representing St. Matthew Parish
- B. John Knoll representing St. Anne Parish

#### **IV. President's Report by Jeff Gulan**

- A. Smooth start to school year
- B. Staffing
  - 1. MS/HS Administrative Assistant needed
  - 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher at NCES: St. Anne needed
  - 3. Part-time Interventionist needed
  - 4. Childcare teacher at St. Michael needed
- C. New staff are making a positive impression and bring higher expectations
- D. HVAC Project Update
  - 1. Ahead of schedule and budget
  - 2. Phases 1 & 5 completed
  - 3. Phases 2-4 will be completed summer 2023
- E. School Safety
  - 1. Lockdown procedures being updated w/local law enforcement
  - 2. Discussion taking place regarding non-emergency crisis response team
- F. Upcoming Training/Events
  - 1. Diocesan Regional Inservice – October 7
  - 2. All K-12 Inservice with CESA 6 presenters – October 28
  - 3. Trunk or Treat – October 30
  - 4. Winter Wonderland Auction – November 5

#### **V. Finance Committee**

- A. Enrollment is under projection primarily due to families moving from the area
- B. Enrollment has been declining the last 5 years
- C. Action is being taken to address the typical points when students leave (i.e. 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **VI. Strategic Plan Update** (Suggestion made to provide written report to Commission members)

- A. Finance Domain goals reviewed by Jeff Gulan (Domain Chairperson)
  - 1. Explore best options for long-term financial viability
  - 2. Study successes and failures of other unified school systems
  - 3. Evaluate alternatives to diversify funding sources to provide ongoing revenue streams
  - 4. Meet with Academics/Curriculum Domain to incorporate stewardship goals at all levels
  - 5. Provide financial transparency to stakeholders
  - 6. Provide financial information to NCS Finance Committee

#### **VII. Administrator Reports**

- A. Welcomed Shirley Heise – NCES: St. Mark
  - 1. Staff working with new ELA curriculum
  - 2. Finding substitute teachers continues to be a challenge
  - 3. Volunteers helped spread woodchips on the playground
- B. Terry Vechinski – NCES: St. Anne Elementary
  - 1. Popcorn Days have returned
  - 2. Fundraising – chocolate sales going on
  - 3. Field trips – Little Red School House, Pumpkin Patch
  - 4. 4K Friends visited
  - 5. Making security a priority
    - a. Terry met with local police officers
    - b. Many improvements were made since last visit

- C. Carl Fech – Middle/High School
  - 1. 7<sup>th</sup> grade had their retreat
  - 2. Community period – initiative to build interaction between students at multi-grade levels
  - 3. Initiative to introduce/incorporate Cardinal Traits
  - 4. Homecoming Week was a great success
  
- D. Amy Mettlach – Director of Instruction
  - 1. Observation/Evaluation practices will focus on what students are learning instead of what teachers are doing.
  - 2. The new Wonders ELA is a challenging curriculum that focuses on higher level critical thinking.
  - 3. Preliminary look at ACT/Aspire testing results shows Newman well above what the state is doing as a whole.
  - 4. In our annual report for WRISA, we show good progress in 9 of our 20 goals

**VIII. Discussion Topics**

- A. Statement on Holy Name Classical School
  - 1. Only being explored at this time
  - 2. Reps coming to provide info – Commission members encouraged to attend
    - a. October 17, November 16, December 4; 6:30p.m. @ Holy Name
- B. System Message
  - 1. *“Fostering disciples of Christ through faith, service and academics”*

**IX. Future Planning**

- A. Detailed analysis of test scores at next meeting – Amy Mettlach
- B. Religious Studies/Liturgical Year progress to be reported at meetings – Administrators
  - a. What’s being done commonly within the system?
  - b. What are we observing in the Liturgical Year?
  - c. What is the outline of teaching scripture and morality in school?
  - d. What should kids know religiously at each level and how do we measure that?
- C. Celebrate the Good Things going on in the schools – Administrators

**X. Closing Prayer by Father Sam Martin**

**2022-2023 Education Commission Meeting Schedule**

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at NCES: St Anne

**Tuesday, September 27, 2022**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2023**

**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2023**

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023**