



*“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	X
Resurrection			Laura Reamer	X
St. Michael		[redacted]	Cathy Hackel	X
St. Anne	Fr. Tom Lindner		John Knoll	X
St. Mark	Fr. Al Slowiak		Rick Svennes	[redacted]
St. Matthew	Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk		Jack Reeves	X
St. Mary	Msgr. Joseph Diermeier		Claire Meney	
St. Paul				
St. Therese	Fr. Albert Saleth		Marcy Stenstrom	X
NCMS/HS Chaplain, Associate Pastor	Fr. Erik Mashak	X		
Mary Mother of Good Help	Fr. Al Burkhardt	X		
<b>Committees</b>			<b>Ex-Officio</b>	
Commission Chair	Rick Svennes	X	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			
	Sarah Welch			

**I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Sam Martin**

**II. September 2022 minutes reviewed and approved with the below corrections to attendance**

- A. Remove Fr. Bob Thorn and add Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk as Pastor at St. Therese
- B. Remove Fr. Don Meuret due to his passing

**III. President’s Report by Jeff Gulan**

- A. Recognition of Fall athletic teams and All-Conference winners

- B. Sarah Keene gave a report on Winter Wonderland #35
  - a. Both attendance and results continue to be strong
  - b. Over \$242,000 gross income
  - c. \$62,450 for Fund-A-Need (funding specials-art, foods, etc.)
  - d. Remainder of net income will be used for operating budget
- C. Advancement is working on estate building – good forward movement
  - a. Funds are non-restricted
- D. Finance is working on budget adjustments to compensate for falling enrollment
- E. The HVAC project
  - a. Is on budget
  - b. Will be completed ahead of schedule Summer 2023
- F. Curriculum responsibility has been delegated to the principals since Amy Mettlach's passing
- G. Christmas concerts are listed on the [District Calendar on the website](#)
- H. Winter sport schedules are being printed and can also be found on the website

#### IV. Strategic Plan Update

- A. Accreditation is scheduled for Fall 2024
- B. Approval given to revise the NCS mission statement to a more concise statement.
  - a. Previous mission statement: *Newman Catholic Schools promotes Catholic faith, service and academic excellence to cultivate a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and to become lifelong learners and disciples.*
  - b. Revised mission statement: *Fostering disciples of Christ through faith, service and academics*

#### V. Administrator Reports

- A. Shirley Heise – NCES: St. Mark
  - 1. Advent activities underway – K-5<sup>th</sup> researching the Names of Jesus
  - 2. Prayer books and advent wreaths sent home for 3P-5<sup>th</sup> grade families
  - 3. Jesse Tree out
  - 4. Recognized Music Teacher Kay Pope for all her work on Christmas concerts
  - 5. Giving Store preparations underway
  - 6. Puravida Bracelet fundraiser going on in December
  - 7. Planning for Catholic Schools Week has begun
  - 8. Thank you to NCS for the employee Christmas gift of Newman apparel
- B. Terry Vechinski – NCES: St. Anne
  - 1. Advent activities underway
  - 2. Visit from Monsignor Hirsch, who works in Casa Hogar (an orphanage in Peru)
  - 3. Advent project: supply games, toys, trinkets for Casa Hogar's children's store
  - 3. Great turn out for Parent-Teacher Conferences – only one family did not attend
- C. Carl Fech – NCS: Middle School/High School
  - 1. Retreats are underway
  - 2. Advent began with an All-School Assembly
  - 3. Food drives and service at Neighbors Place
  - 4. Reconciliation coming up
  - 5. Holiday Athletic Tournaments
  - 6. Preparations underway for Christmas concerts and Solo & Ensemble coming up in the Spring
  - 7. Senior Capstone papers are in – Presentations will be December 9<sup>th</sup>
    - a. Carl gave a description of the Capstone Project

## VI. Discussion Topics

- A. Selection of Officers
  - 1. Chairperson – Rick Svennes
  - Vice Chairperson – Laura Reamer
  - Recording Secretary – Renita Ulrich
  - President – Jeff Gulan
- B. Accreditation with WRISA needs to be completed by end of 2023-2024 school year
  - 1. Presentation of process will be given at January 16 In-service
  - 2. A portion of January In-service will be dedicated to the work
  - 3. Individual schools will be accredited – selected teachers will work on their school
  - 4. Accreditation is good for 7 years
  - 5. NCS pays for accreditation, plus accommodation/meals for the team
  - 6. Other expenses will be any changes needed (i.e. programs, etc)
- C. Enrollment
  - 1. Numbers are below projected – biggest drops at the transition grades (PreK-K, 5th-6th, 8th-9th), other impacts were families moving out of area
    - a. Planning for promoting NCS in 4K programs
- D. Consideration for piloting an NCS 4K program at St. Mark
  - a. Survey sent to 38 parents as first step
  - b. Current 4K students are part of the public school and religion cannot be taught as part of the curriculum
  - c. Tuition would be close to Kindergarten rate; students would be eligible for WPCP
  - d. Discussion regarding all day, 5 days/week vs. half days or 3 days/week options
- E. Classical School – Father Sam Martin
  - a. At this point: pursuing the possibility and praying for God's will.
  - b. Reaches students we are not reaching now
  - c. Teaches Greek, Latin, Western Civilization, etc.
  - d. Funding is available – private schools are usually self-sufficient in 3 years
  - e. Informational Presentation @ Holy Name on January 16, 2023

## IX. Future Planning

- A. Discussion topic for January (not covered)
- B. Strategic Plan Update – Technology Domain (not covered)

## X. Closing Prayer by Father Al Burkart at 7:25 p.m.

### 2022-2023 Education Commission Meeting Schedule

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

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023