



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

Attendance:

X = present: [redacted] = Duplicate

Parishes	Pastor		Parish Rep	
Holy Name	Fr. Sam Martin	X	Mike Murphy	
Resurrection			Laura Reamer	X
St. Michael		[redacted]	Cathy Hackel	X
St. Anne	Fr. Tom Lindner	X	John Knoll	X
St. Mark	Fr. Al Slowiak	X	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			
Committees			Ex-Officio	
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	
Guests			Support	
David Radtke	Shirley Heise	X	Controller	
	Terry Vechinski	X	Renita Ulrich, Recording Secretary	X
	Carl Fech	X		
	Amy Faust			
	Sarah Welch			

I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Sam Martin

II. November 2022 minutes reviewed and approved

III. President’s and Administrators’ Reports

- A. Presented in writing ahead of the meeting.
- B. Highlights included:

- a. Catholic Schools Week celebrations are being planned with the highlight being Bishop Callahan's presence at the All Schools' Mass.
- b. Elementary Schools are preparing for the season of Lent
- c. Service and giving projects continue at all schools
- d. Discussion took place regarding current number of students on IEPs (requires more individualized attention), challenging with current staffing
- e. Testing is taking place: 1st semester final exams at MS/HS level, STAR and ELL testing at the elementary level.
- f. New clubs at St. Mark include a Book Club and a Cribbage Club
- g. DARE program continues at St. Mark
- h. Senior Capstone presentations at the HS
- i. Spring field trips are being planned
- j. Service projects included Cardinal Mentoring Day, coins for Ukraine, donations for the store at an orphanage in Peru, and a penny drive for Chalice of Mercy in Ukraine.

IV. Strategic Plan Update

- A. Technology Domain Chairperson David Radtke presented the committee's goals
 - a. Committee consisting of teachers and support staff to evaluate chromebook usage, modified computer labs
 - b. Professional development during Summer Academy and staff meetings
 - c. Create age appropriate technology use policies

V. Action Items

- A. Holy Name of Jesus Classical School presentation by Fr. Sam Martin
 - a. Multiple information sessions have been hosted for community in past few months
 - b. 41 students, from grades 4K through 5th are interested
 - c. Needs at this point: Must be independently financed for 3 years, Head Master by early summer, Diocese approval
 - d. Goal to start Fall 2024
 - e. Will be a NCS system school
 - f. Education Commission role discussion
 - i. YouTube videos links of past presentation/information will be sent to commission members
 - ii. Commission will discuss and make recommendations at the March meeting
- B. Carl Fech gave a presentation about the Senior Capstone Project
 - a. Starts mid-Junior year
 - b. Graded by teachers, priests, others from the community
 - c. Comment made: needs promoting as "college-preparatory"
 - d. Only school in area that offers this type of opportunity to students
- C. Updated website launches Mar 1, 2023
 - a. Using real photos of NCS students
 - b. Focus on usability
- D. St. Mark 4K all-day
 - a. Information meeting was well attended
 - b. Currently 14 students interested
- E. Discussions regarding retention took place and each school/child care center is forming committees consisting of parents, teachers, and principal/director to focus on retaining current students.
- F. Accreditation Planning started; self study is scheduled for April 2024
- G. Mission Statement was adjusted to reflect Catholic faith: ***"Fostering disciples of Christ through Catholic faith, service and academics"***

H. FY24 Budget discussion

- a. Tuition rates were increased across the board by \$200
- b. Enrollment begins Feb 1, 2023

VI. Discussion Topics

- A. Ross Bodenheimer is stepping down as commission representative; contact Jeff with suggestions for a person to fill Ross' spot.

VII. Future Planning

- A. Discussion topic suggestions for March meeting
 - a. Classical School
 - b. School Dress Code
 - c. Social behavior in schools
 - i. Suggestion was made to recruit volunteers to work one-on-one with students who have academic or social needs. These could be grandparents/retired individuals.

VIII. Closing Prayer by Father Al Slowiak at 7:15 p.m.

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