



“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	X
Resurrection	Fr. Tom Lindner	X	Laura Reamer	X
St. Michael	Fr. Tom Lindner	[redacted]		
St. Anne	Fr. Tom Lindner	[redacted]	John Knoll	
St. Mark	Fr. Albert Saleth		Rick Svennes	[redacted]
St. Matthew	Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk		Jack Reeves	
St. Therese	Fr. Albert Saleth	[redacted]	Marcy Stenstrom	X
NCMS/HS Chaplain, Associate Pastor	Fr. Erik Mashak			
Mary Mother of Good Help	Fr. Al Burkhardt			
Committees			Ex-Officio	
Commission Chair	Rick Svennes		Jeff Gulan, President	X
Finance Chair	Chris Pfender		Sarah Keene, Director of Adv.	
			Tom Reichenbacher, Diocese	
Guests			Support	
Jacci Lepak	Shirley Heise	X		
	Caleb Feidt	X	Renita Ulrich, Recording Secretary	X
	Carl Fech	X		

I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Sam Martin

II. May 2023 minutes reviewed and approved as written

- A. Make updates to membership

III. President & Principals’ Reports

- A. Great start to the new school year at all schools
- B. No questions asked

IV. Budget Report by Jeff Gulan

- A. Steady enrollment and WPCP funding amount increase has resulted in increase in income

V. Enrollment Update

- A. Projected enrollment was 561 – currently at 558; previous years were short by 25-30 students
- B. Main reasons for shortfall relate to public school 4K enrollment (at St. Michael and St. Therese)

- C. Newman 4K program projection was 18 students; 22 currently enrolled
- D. Retention committee's strategies are working

VI. Steering Committee

- A. Consists of 8 members
- B. Created in 2017 – has had several starts/stops for many reasons
- C. Formalized in 2020 when Jeff arrived
- D. Domains accomplished some goals
- E. Rick Svennes working with representative who will guide us as we develop long-range planning, revise our strategic plan and focus on a plan for the future of Newman
- F. Wausau School District consolidation
 - a. Our plan is to keep doing “us” really well; that will lead to good things
 - b. Comments/Questions
 - i. Are people thinking NCS is prepared for the influx of students from WSD? staff and resources? transportation? Can we communicate better than we are preparing?
 - ii. Can we meet special-needs students' needs? Keep current practice of meeting with parents, being transparent about what we offer and what the child needs
 - iii. Desire is to attract families because we've improved our product (Catholic education), not because they're unhappy somewhere else.
 - iv. Influx needs to start at the elementary level
- G. Timeline for Steering Committee
 - a. Begin meeting in October 2023
 - b. Meet twice a month through January 2024 – then decide where the group wants to go
 - c. Question: At a certain point, could the Education Commission take on some of the role of guidance for the committee?
- H. Noted: A lot of good work has been done; committee will be identifying that good and moving forward

IX. Accreditation

- A. We're accredited every 7 years for WPCP
- B. Four domains of accreditation
 - a. Mission and Catholic Identity – has 22 benchmarks
 - i. This is our STRENGTH
 - b. Governing and Leadership – has 15 benchmarks
 - i. Staff, parents and pastors will need to complete surveys
 - c. Academic Excellence – has 18 benchmarks
 - i. Curriculum and assessments are in line with what they need to be
 - ii. Will be completed in January 2024
 - d. Operation Vitality – has 18 benchmarks
 - i. District Office is in charge and will complete in March 2024
- C. Completed self-study will be presented to the Education Commission in May 2024
- D. A team will come to see that we're meeting standards
 - a. Correction period is allowed for “accreditation w/provisions” status
- E. It was suggested that the information gathered be used by the steering committee for goal setting

X. Future Planning – Topics for November

- A. Domain A – Mission and Catholic Identity
- B. timeline for the road being fixed (10th Avenue) – best guess is October
- C. Purpose of Education Commission – other than being liaison to parishes

X. Closing Prayer by Father Tom Lindner

2023-2024 Education Commission Meeting Schedule

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 2024