

Aquinas Catholic Schools

Attendees: *February 17, 2018*

	present		present	
Blessed Sacrament		Fr. Peter Raj*		TBA
Blessed Sacrament		Fr. Billy Dodge (Vicar-Assoc)		
Holy Trinity		Fr. Richard Roberts		Terry Smith
Mary, Mother of the Church	x	Fr. Brian Konopa	x	Lori Meyer
Roncalli Newman		Fr. Peter Raj*		Jessica Boland
Roncalli Newman		Fr. Billy Dodge (Vicar-Assoc)		
St. Charles Borromeo		Fr. William Dhein		Joleen Trussoni
St. Mary, Coon Valley		Fr. Joseph Arockiam		TBA
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	x	Fr. John Parr		
St. James the Less	x	Msgr. Charles Stoetzel, Dean		Curt Riley
St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph Ridge	x	Fr. Timothy Welles*		TBA
St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral	x	Msgr. Charles Stoetzel, Dean	x	Jessica Skemp
St. Leo the Great, West Salem		Fr. Doug Robertson*		TBA
St. Mary, Bangor		Fr. Doug Robertson*		TBA
St. Patrick		Msgr. Steve Kachel	x	Justin Silcox, Chair
St. Peter, Middle Ridge	x	Fr. Timothy Welles*		TBA
Other Representatives		Fr. Matt Marshall AHS/AMS Chaplain		Pat McElligott, Aquinas Music Parents
		TBA, Aquinas Booster Club		Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, Foundation
		TBA, Consecrated Life		
Aquinas Administrators & Staff	x	Ted Knutson		
	x	Kay Berra		Sue Amble
	x	Denise Ring		Brad Reinhart
	x	Patty Gallagher-Kosmatka	x	Bonnie Waide
		Others:.....	x	Krista Topolski

	DISCUSSION	ACTION / RECOMMENDATIONS
Call to Order	The Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm. The opening prayer was led by Fr. Welles. The Mission Statement was read by Kay Berra.	
<u>Chairman of Ed</u> <u>Commission: Justin Silcox</u> <u>President's Report: Ted</u> <u>Knutson</u>	<p>Justin asked if any comment/changes to the Minutes of November 16, 2017, and they were approved as distributed. Justin then recognized the President's Report by Ted Knutson:</p> <p><u>Scheduling Co-Curricular Activities:</u> After a follow-up discussion on possible editing, Justin reported that he and Ted will finalize the Policy on Scheduling Co-curricular Activities and ensure it is distributed appropriately. Fr. Konopa added that he feels this policy should absolutely been observed now that it is in place. Lori Meyer added that she too felt this should be enforced and represent and be applicable to all, i.e., consistency is at the fore front. Mrs. Ring ensure she will definitely provide Matt Schneider, Athletic Director for AHS/AMS, this finalized policy to implement and continue implementation regardless of season/sport from this point onward.</p> <p><u>Tuition</u> for 2018-2019 school year was point of next discussion with Ted reporting that tuition will increase 2.5% for 2018-2019 with previous tuition cost for the last two years representing 5% increase from previous years' tuition. Ted also reported at this time a 3% increase in pay for ALL ACS Staff...the 3% relating to the teacher pay scale for 2018-2019 with the end result being that younger teachers with less years of service receive more than the 3% and the veteran teachers with the greater numbers of years of service may be below that 3%. Next item Ted commented on was that the ACS Budget for the second year in a row is on track and actually has a bit of a small surplus.</p> <p>Ted also reported that there had been a \$60,000 tuition gift and it is earmarked for Catholic students.</p> <p>Regarding the <u>Technology Coordinator position</u> – it is on hold at this</p>	

	<p>time with the Finance Committee also involved and hopefully as of June 2018 discussion and relevance of this will proceed. Ted explained at this time Deb Gilkes has this responsibility up to a point with 3^{RT} being contacted if a difficult problem persists.</p> <p>Subsequent discussion followed this regarding the One-to-One implementation and how a Tech Coordinator would certainly be of value in ensure this type of program was in place and continued in place successfully. With monies from both the Capital Campaign and the Gold Gala – it is planned that every 9-12 student will have a chrome book device; 90 chrome books will be added to AMS; and at the elementary level there will be chrome book carts to use. Cathedral may get additional I-pads and/or tablets. In-services will be necessary for ACS Staff on the procedures, uses, maintenance of these new acquisitions. The monies in place delegated to these additions for all of our students will maintain the above for four years – after which we will have to maintain within the system. As a point of information, 40% of the AHS/AMS student population do not have the right equipment and to be consistent and fair, all should have the same device to use.</p> <p><u>Strategic Planning</u> – The Strategic Plan is to be presented as a final draft at the May 17th Education Commission meeting.</p> <p>Regarding <u>Service Bonus</u> and eligible ACS Staff to receive this – three (3) teachers are eligible to receive this if they select to term at the end of 2017-2018.... In the future, there certainly may be more discussion regarding ending this policy - it is a year-to-year decision. Certainly pros and cons voiced by several to consider in the future. Several general comments at this meeting centered around Service Bonus policy, e.g., last thing ever to have to do is encounter layoffs of teachers or close schools, and Service Bonus may in the long run with long-tenured teachers reaching retirement ease such a possibility if it should be a possibility, respect longevity of veteran teachers within our ACS system, etc. All agree a serious goal would certainly be to raise our teacher salary scale and further discuss purposes of service bonus usage</p>	
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