



School Heads Meeting  
Wednesday March 11, 2015  
Nichols School

MINUTES

Present: Tom Sullivan, Jennifer Demert, Helen Marlette, Adam Baber, Mary Holzerland, Brad Rogers, Jill Monaco, Margaret Staszak, Dawn Riggie, Anne Kohl, Natalie Beilein, Bill Clough, Mary Rockwell, Chris Lauricella, Fr. Michael Sajda, Tom Braunscheidel, Robert Scott, Rebecca Kranz, Rick Bryan, Eric Yarwood.

Absent: Rebecca Reeder

1. The meeting was opened at 8:15 by Chris Lauricella. He thanked Bill Clough for hosting the meeting, and also for the terrific multicultural event held at Nichols in February. Bill, in turn, was complimentary of the students who organized the event. Chris thanked other schools for hosting EdCo events. He reminded the school heads that May is the Annual Meeting, as designated by the by-laws. School heads will elect board officers and will go into executive session to evaluate Rick as the Executive Director. Chris noted that Rick is consulting with Park School this year on strategic planning, as well as working with Timon, Gow, and Nardin. Rick worked on strategic planning with Mount Saint Mary Academy last year.
2. Anne Kohl gave the financial overview. She noted that the current financial picture was strong as seen by the figures provided. The

2013-14 audit has been completed and she and Chris Lauricella have been sent material by Lumsden & McCormick. Anne reviewed the determination of the 2015-16 dues. Dawn Riggie proposed that a motion that the dues be adopted. Chris Lauricella seconded. There was no further discussion and the dues passed unanimously.

3. Rick Bryan opened the state of the consortium report by talking about the efforts and difficulty Gow School has had this year in identifying Oishei Scholarship candidates. Brad Rogers outlined several of their efforts. He asked school heads to have their admissions directors to forward to Gow any learning issue students who could potentially qualify for this scholarship. Rick also noted the upcoming dates for the year two renewal of the STEAM grant. Eric Yarwood noted the key dates for the mini maker faire at the Buffalo Museum of Science, as well as the STEAM conference in August. He referenced the summer experiences descriptions located in the school packets. Rick talked about the new collaborative groups since December, and the legal discussions he has had over the name change and developing by-laws. He continues to work with the CFO's on consortium purchasing.
4. The school heads then divided into four discussion groups to explore five questions. In next 45 minutes was a discussion and reporting period. The results of the conversations are in a separate report, titled "Discussion with the School Heads of EdCo on March 11, 2015."
5. Rick referenced the upcoming events and calendar, and urged school heads to mark their calendar for the May annual meeting.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am