

Kenosha Catholic Schools Alliance
Communication #2
December 2020

Kenosha Catholic School Alliance (KCSA) Steering Committee progress update:

The Steering Committee has continued to meet to define the parameters of the project. This includes the establishment of three Core Committees with specific tasks for each committee. The Core Committees will undertake the necessary foundational work to meet Archbishop ListECKI's charge to be bold in developing a long-range plan to ensure that excellent Catholic education will continue to be accessible, sustainable, and viable for all members of the Kenosha community who desire it well into a future beyond our own.

Core Committee tasks:

- The ***Mission and Governance Core Committee*** will research and propose a guiding vision and mission for all Catholic schools in Kenosha and an appropriate governance structure to implement the vision and mission in the years to come.
- The ***Finance Core Committee*** will develop a 3-to-5 year business plan to support the vision, mission, and governance structure proposed by the Mission and Governance Core Committee.
- The ***Communications Core Committee*** will develop and implement a guiding strategy to ensure two-way communication between the KCSA and all constituencies.

Selection of committee members:

Steering Committee members were appointed by Archbishop ListECKI, via Vicar General Very Reverend James Lobacz, after nomination and consultation by the pastors of the supporting parishes and the Office for Schools. Steering Committee members:

- Very Rev. James Lobacz, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Rev. Dwight Campbell, Pastor
- Trisha Falk, Parishioner & School Parent
- Pauline Hammerbeck, School Parent
- John Higgins, Parish TrustEE
- Jen Lebiecki, Parishioner & School Parent
- Mark Naidicz, ASCS School Board
- Kyle Vitus, SJCA School Board
- Richard Robert Santiago, Parishioner & School Parent
- Bruce Varick, Associate Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Core Committee members were invited to serve after nomination by pastors, school administrators, and steering committee members. A few community members volunteered their services after Communication #1 was published. These individuals were given equal thoroughness of consideration. The Steering Committee considered the individual candidate's skill sets, prior service to the Catholic

community of Kenosha, and commitment to Catholic education in deciding whom to invite to serve. The 20 individuals who said “yes” to joining the Steering Committee members in doing the initial work of the KCSA represent a cross-section of school board members, school administrators, parents, parishioners, and strong supporters of Catholic education in Kenosha.

The Core Committees will meet for the first time in mid-January. After this meeting, the names of the Core Committee members will be made public.

As the KCSA project progresses, there will be more opportunities for interested community members to serve.

Contact for questions, ideas, or suggestions:

We will be providing opportunities for you to express your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. We are planning for multiple formats, such as town hall meetings, focus groups, and surveys and will be prepared to do these both in-person and virtually, depending on community conditions at the time. These efforts will be launched after January 1, 2021. In the meantime, questions can be submitted to Kenoshacatholicschoolsalliance@gmail.com. A member of the Steering Committee will respond to you, although some questions may be answered in a future “Frequently Asked Questions” update.