

St Mary's Board of Education

April 15, 2025

Religion and Prayer Room

Call to Order: 7:03am- Dan

Prayer: John

Present: Dan Kirscht, Troy Sladek, Kristen Faber, Jake Mach, Amanda Kietzmann, Fr. Dan Ruprecht, John Orme, Tammy Huss, Todd Wentworth, James Turner, Cassie Klimek

Absent: Fr. Matthew Kuhn

Recommended Action

Routine Matters

1. Approval of Agenda: James made a motion to approve the agenda. Kristen seconded. Motion approved.
2. Approval of Minutes: There was some discussion after the minutes were circulated right after our March meeting via email. We took time to clarify and reword two sentences under 'new business' 1b for it to say: "James pointed out that we have been asked to follow the Finance Council for tuition and a non-member registration fee. It was discussed and decided to recommend to the finance council to not have a non-member registration fee and to give families and indication". Jake made a motion to approve the minutes with this change discussed and as noted above. James seconded. Motion approved.

***Pre-typed summaries are made available to members before the meeting. Anything additional is mentioned here.*

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Parent Advisory Council: Troy- nothing new that wasn't on the update.
2. ACCS Building/ Site Committee: James met with Jaci last week. Long term goal was/is for ACCS to be a stand-alone building not attached to any particular church. James will stay involved on the ACCS building/subcommittee unless someone from the board wants to take his spot. James and Jaci discussed, "what does it look like for a Catholic student to attend ACCS?"

-Dan encouraged another board member to consider joining James as a representative.

Staff Reports

1. Faith Formation: Tammy

-OCIA: 7 people coming into the church and one baptism at St Mary's.

-Cassie Klimek, part-time youth minister for our ACC, shared the many things going on in youth ministry. Fourteen kids are heading to Catholic Youth Summer Camp in June. Steubenville summer conference and NCYC still have registration open. We thanked her for the work she is doing.

-parent surveys from Pathways went out- Laurie didn't many responses as she had hoped. She resent the survey.

2. St Mary's School: Troy

- Math curriculum under review

-Troy will present a check to OLV(Our Lady of Victory) school in Fergus. They were the recipients of our penny challenge and the total is the highest total raised to date. Kristen volunteered a "big check" that she has access to.

-2,065 people served at the 3 fish fry Fridays

Old Business

1. BOE/ Finance Collaboration Update- Dan would like to have a longer vision. A subcommittee would meet approximately 1 x month.

2. Parent Ask Letter Update- \$6,550 came in as a response to the letter that was sent to school families from Craig Olson (Finance Council Chair) and Dan (BOE Chair). Fair share YTD \$28,000.

New Business

1.Enrollment Update (as of 4/15/25)- Kindergarten- 32, 1- 40, 2-42, 3-39+1, 4- 42, 5- 43+1, 6- 39. Troy hosted a "signing day" for the kids that were going to be going to St. Mary's next year. We praised Troy for his many efforts with enrollment.

2. Brainstorm Ideas to Build Connections- discussion points including:

-“understanding our customer base”

-answering the question, “What does the school mean to the parish?” And “What does the parish mean to the school?”

-in 5 years the parish debt will be paid.

3. Trust Fund Golf Tournament Changes - teaming up with the Gathering. So many golf tournaments- trying something new. No golf tournament- collaboration of Gathering committee and Trust Fund Golf committee. Some profits from the Gathering will go into the trust fund. The gathering will have more items that will be geared toward the male audience than in years past with the help and influence of the Trust Fund committee.

4. 2025-26 School Calendar Proposal- Troy passed out proposed calendar and it was reviewed. James made a motion to approve. Dan 2nd. Motion passed.

Information & Proposals

Pastoral Council Update:

-Jake reported to the Pastoral Council that there hasn't been good communication between finance council and BOE.

-All Things New: 'Parish School may not get more than 40% of the Parish budget.' Todd reports that we are compliant with this.

Future Business

Next Meeting Date: May 20, 2025

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at: 8:23am

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Amanda Kietzmann on 4/16/2025