



School Advisory Commission Agenda

February 19, 2026

Members Present: Adam K.-Chair, Travis G.-Secretary, Rebecca M., Josh U., Simon O., Rob D-Vice Chair, Rachel M.- abs, Jessica L., Luke E., Dan G.-abs, Principal Colleen R., Teacher Representative Katie A.; PC Dan H., PC Chris M - abs.

Excused:

- I. Opening Intentional Prayer and Petitions- Josh U.
- II. Sharing of Faith – Colleen R.
- III. Public Address - Interested parties to address the School Advisory Commission (15 min MAX)
 - a. Jon/Jodee Ttachac – present to listen
- IV. Minutes: January Minutes, approved and archived
- V. Reports:

Chair Report – Adam Keller

Focus on Recruitment of Potential Members

- Adam emphasized the importance of recruiting potential members for the School Advisory Council (SAC). He encouraged all parents and interested individuals to consider joining the discernment process.
- A Google document will be shared to facilitate tracking potential recruitment efforts.

Digest 2/10 Listening Session

- The listening session hosted by Fr. Dennis, Colleen, and Michael received positive feedback regarding its organization and format.
- It was suggested to hold such sessions once a year or more frequently to focus on positive changes and the upcoming school strategy.
- Questions were solicited in advance and categorized thematically.
- Fr. Dennis highlighted the school's mission to nurture students as critical thinkers with a solid moral foundation.
- An upcoming listening session with Colleen is scheduled for March, focusing on topics like middle school, educational tools, STEM, vision, and technology.

Pastor Report – Fr. Dennis

Attendance Apologies

- Fr. Dennis apologized for not being present more often, explaining his attendance at finance council meetings as mandated by Archdiocese requirements.

Purpose of SAC

- The SAC serves as a vital forum for parents and the principal to communicate effectively.

Update on Gala



- The recent Gala included a fundraiser through paddle raising for a playground, raising approximately 70,000 out of a total anticipated cost of 350,000.
- Plans are in place to install the playground by Fall 2026, with long-term funding covering the remaining costs.
- Discussions are ongoing regarding the future of fundraising activities.

Third-Party Evaluation

- A review of the school's operational functions will take place, addressing parent concerns through a "white paper", while teacher concerns will be discussed with the teacher leadership team.
- Updates to the school handbook are planned for the summer.

Principal Report – Colleen Rooney

STEM and PLTW Updates

STEM and PLTW (Project Lead The Way) initiatives were discussed, including training, certification, and course options for middle school students.

Hiring Discussions

- The WECAN platform is being utilized for hiring processes.
- Jen Marlock is developing the curriculum and organizing a Biz Town field trip experience.

Campus Ministry Growth

- There is ongoing growth in campus ministry, and interviews for candidates are being held. Meg Anderson will start on Monday to help fill staffing gaps.

Academics and Finance

- The calendaring for the next academic year is complete with substantial oversight.
- A request for a full-time art teacher and an increase in the in-service budget was submitted by the finance committee.
- Assessments regarding a wait for settling the budget are anticipated later in spring.

Tech and Safety Initiatives

- A request for more Chromebooks was made as the current resource consists of half of what is needed. Currently, sharing carts are in use among homerooms.
- Some teachers have requested the removal of lunch and recess duties from their responsibilities. These types of duties are often standard at other schools and are assigned on a rotating basis. Ms. Rooney shared that teachers are best equipped to supervise students, given their familiarity and their role in ensuring safety.

Teacher Leadership Team

- It was clarified that the "teacher leadership team" consists of unit leads who will provide input on various school matters.

VI. Committee Business – 10min and Regroup

- a. Catholic Identity – Simon, Dan, Jessica
- b. Technology – Rob, Rebecca, Josh
- c. Marketing – Travis, Rachel
- d. Playground Project – Adam, Travis, Nate Schuld (former SAC)



VII. Unfinished Business

- a. By-Law Updates for consideration (Adam) – Updated 2/19/26
 - i. Would like to get these updated. Once we approve them, it has to go to the pastoral council for final approval. SAC team, please review these for edits, changes, and feedback.
- b. Campus Security (Adam) – Updated 2/19/26
- c. A comprehensive campus vulnerability assessment was completed during the summer of 2025. The assessment, with recommendations, has been completed and delivered to parish building and grounds. The three areas of feedback for consideration presented to Fr. Dennis were physical, personnel, and policy recommendations to be reviewed in the event of emergencies. Monitoring cameras for security concerns will continue. Michael will be accelerating the formation of a campus security sub committee and follow up details from the report.
- d. Prospect Video (Colleen, Rachel and Meg P.) - TABLED from 1/2026 meeting
- e. Handbook - Athletics and Discipline (Colleen) - TABLED from 1/2026 meeting
- f. SAC School Review – Expectation that all SAC members provide review to each service - TABLED from 1/2026 meeting
 - i. Niche <https://www.niche.com/k12/st-dominic-catholic-school-brookfield-wi/>
 - ii. Great Schools <https://www.greatschools.org/wisconsin/brookfield/2137-St-Dominic-Elementary-School/>
 - iii. Private School Review <https://www.privateschoolreview.com/st-dominic-catholic-school-profile/53045>
- g. Technology Need – Chromebooks- TABLED from 1/2026 meeting

VIII. New Business

- a. SAC Hosting June 7 Donut Sunday
 - i. See email from Jill Fischer, Adam to read
- b. Discernment – New Membership (2-3 per member)

IX. Announcements – Open Forum for SAC Members

X. Adjournment-Return to Marcy Center

Please Note – 2025/2026 Common Meeting Nights:

- Wednesday March 18
 - Wednesday April 22
 - Wednesday May 13
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2025/2026 St. Dominic Catholic School – School Advisory Commission Roster

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