

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

3.13.2025

1. Opening Prayer – Mrs. Kennison led the Council in prayer.
2. Minutes – The Council reviewed the prior meeting minutes. Mrs. Capps made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Hopf seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consent.
3. SAC Applicants – Mrs. Kennison provided an update on the number of applications submitted at this time.
4. Family Service Letter – The family service letter was completed in the last meeting. It has not yet been delivered. The increase to service hour deposit was on the school application. The letter will be delivered via email with notice from Mrs. Kennison that online service hour form is updated and available to complete for next school year.
5. School Update –
 - a. Enrollment – 2025-26 school year is at 523 for pre-school through 8th grade.
 - b. IREAD – Mrs. Kennison provided an update on IREAD results. A plan is in place to support students who did not pass with intervention opportunities this school year as well as summer school.
 - c. Shamrock Spectacular – This year's theme is "Cheers to 70 Years" to be held on Saturday, May 17th. Auction items are beginning to be collected. A staff member has been chosen for recognition. Mrs. Kennison asked for recommendations of possible alumni that should be honored. The communications team is creating an invite for the event.
 - d. Staffing Update – All teachers are returning for the 2025-26 school year. St. Malachy will be hiring a registrar that will help with both school and church.
6. Assistant Principal – 5 applicants for assistant principal. There are strong choices among the applicant pool. Three teachers will be in the interview pool. The interviews will take place Monday, March 24.
7. School Mission Statement Ad Hoc Committee – As a result of the Continuous Improvement Journey process, a recommendation was made to revise the school mission statement for clarity. Mrs. Kennison has requested an ad hoc committee be formed to work on this. She has reached out to other parish schools to get advice on their mission statements.
8. Finance Council Update - A group will be formed to discuss community strategy to encourage families to financially support the church more given the expansion of the state's voucher program providing financial support for school tuition. A council member

asked if there have been any questions regarding the church's policy to reduce the number of fundraising events. It was shared that the new policy was going smoothly.

9. For the Good of the Cause –

- a. A council member noted the PTO receives requests from teachers for assistance with various events during the course of the year. Should the PTO implement a similar policy to plan better for the needs of the school year and create a window at the beginning of the school year for teachers to make requests for the entirety of the year. Additionally, to the extent the PTO could use additional dollars, it was suggested an option be created to donate the service deposit at the beginning of the year.
- b. A council member noted the Safe Parish training was difficult to access online.

April 10 is next meeting