

1. Opening Prayer

- a. Fr. Danda opened the meeting with prayer and our “6 critical Questions”.

2. Minutes – Approval of August minutes

- a. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

3. School Update

- a. Scheduling Gym time for different activities
 - The council discussed scheduling gym activities and working to maximize facility space during busy seasons of parish activities, CYO events, and other extracurriculars.
- b. Staff Needs
 - 5th grade teaching position remains open. The school continues to search for the right candidate. Interim plan of Mrs. Reynolds teaching English Language Arts continues to be executed.
- c. 26-27 School Year
 - A one-time schedule change to a two week spring break will occur during the 26-27 school year to allow teachers to attend the NCEA convention that occurs the week prior to the typical spring break week.
- d. School Safety
 - Mrs. Kennison reviewed current proactive safety and security measures in place. St. Malachy continues to work with state and local authorities.
 - St. Malachy received a safety grant from the Indiana Department of Education in the past. St. Malachy will apply for the grant again during the next application window.
- e. National Junior Art Honor Society
 - Mrs. Swihart presented a proposal to launch a National Junior Art Honor Society for students in 7th and 8th grade. The group will participate in various service projects.
- f. Cans in Your Hands - Food for Families
 - This service project is now “Food for Families” and a proposal has been resubmitted for providing for families in need. This project will include opportunities for 1st and 8th grade buddies to volunteer at the food pantry.
- g. 7th grade St. Meinrad vocations field trip
 - There was a proposal shared for an overnight vocation trip to St. Meinrad’s Archabbey for 7th grade students. Knights of Columbus have expressed interest in providing financial support for this event.

4. Shamrock Spectacular (15 minutes)

- a. Subcommittee for planning
 - Mrs. Kennison provided past documents to the council for a subcommittee to begin the planning process. Mrs. Kennison will provide recommendations for areas of priority for use of funds raised at the next council meeting.
 - A list of items to accomplish was provided.

- A proposed date of April 25th will be taken to school staff.
5. Uniforms subcommittee (15 minutes)
 - The current uniform policy was provided to each council member.
 - A subcommittee will be formed and provide recommendations to Mrs. Kennison.
 6. Finance Council (5 minutes)
 - The fundraising application on the website routes to a Finance Committee Member for review and processing.
 7. For the Good of the Cause (5 minutes)
 - Cardinal Ritter High School is updating their policy on the use of artificial intelligence in the educational setting.
 - St. Malachy will be reevaluating Artificial Intelligence policy through the lens of Catholic teachings with an emphasis on the dignity of human life.

Closed with a prayer at 7:35PM

Next Meeting: October 2, 2025 - Spanish Room