

School Advisory

Meeting Minutes

8.7.25

1. **Opening Prayer**

- a. Fr. Danda opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. **Minutes**

- a. June minutes were not approved and will be approved through email.

3. **School Update**

- a. **Enrollment** - 529 students
- b. **Staffing** - The 5th grade teaching position remains vacant. In the interim, Mrs. Reynolds is teaching English Language Arts. Mrs. Ellis and Mr. McCall are teaching science. Mrs. Kennison is committed to filling the position with the right candidate who aligns with our school's mission. A school counselor has recently been hired through a partnership with Catholic Charities.
- c. **Chromebooks** - Middle school students have been getting into a routine with chromebooks and no backpacks in class. Staff reviewed expectations and made sure all materials were in bags for the Chromebooks. The technology team has a process in place to monitor regular wear and tear on Chromebooks to determine charges for damages that might occur.
- d. **Backpacks** - For middle school students, all backpacks are now hung up in lockers daily rather than carried from class to class.
- e. **Mission Statement** - New signs have been printed and are visible in each classroom.
- f. **School Supplies** - School supply lists were discussed regarding the possibility of the school providing commonly needed items.
- g. **26-27 School Year Calendar** - Archdiocese has requested schools review possible revisions to allow staff to attend the National Catholic Education Association Convention (NCEA) in Indianapolis. This convention falls at the same time as Holy Week. Additional consideration factors were discussed including IREAD testing administration, length of spring break, loss of routine, instructional day requirements, timeline to finalize calendar, etc.

4. **Shamrock Spectacular**

- a. Tentatively scheduled on Saturday, May 16th. Other possible dates discussed due to the number of events in May.

- b. **Planning Subcommittee:** Volunteers to chair specific aspects such as theme, food, promotions, invitations, honoring staff and alumni, and the Vincent Hardebeck Scholarship. Chairs will then coordinate ad hoc committees. Volunteers for ad hoc committee will be solicited in September.
5. **Uniforms** - There is a possible need to revisit the uniform policy and create a subcommittee. A concern has been raised about the belt requirement, pants without belt loops, elastic pants, etc.
6. **Casual Days & Spiritwear and Jeans** - Mrs. Kennison provided historical context regarding the practice of spirit wear and jeans on Fridays. In the past, casual days were pre-scheduled on the calendar and there was not an option to purchase casual day passes. Discussion included the purpose of casual days, administrative load, and how are casual days supporting our mission and student learning.
7. **Finance Council**
 - a. **Cans in Your Hands** - A small committee of teachers and administrators are reviewing the service project. The committee is evaluating if it is fulfilling its intended purpose of serving others in need. Are there other ways to participate in a food drive with a more catechetical spirit? Are there ways to bring service opportunities into each grade level?
8. **For the Good of the Cause** - Council members introduced themselves to the group.
9. **Closing Prayer**
 - a. Fr. Danda ended the meeting with a prayer.