

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

6.5.2025

1. **Opening Prayer**

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

2. **Minutes**

- a. Minutes were approved on motion.

3. **School Update**

- a. **Enrollment** – 78 pre-school students – 1 open spot. 439 K-8 students.
- b. **Staffing** – Ms. Pressel (Kindergarten) will not return next year. Ms. Morgan Warnock has been hired as her replacement. Ms. Cupp(middle school Math) will not return; the position is currently open Ms. Monique Smith (resource) will move to middle school English with Ms. Reynolds moving to administration; the resource position is open, along with two new resource aide roles for the 2025-26 school year. r Math and Science positions have both been posted. Alternative options for 8th grade Math are being considered.
- c. **Chromebooks** – All Shamrock spectacular funds are going to technology. There have been past issues with students damaging chromebooks. Due to reported student damage to Chromebooks in previous years, the school is considering assigning Chromebooks to students. Students must report damage to their Chromebook.
- d. **Backpacks** – Middle school students may bring backpacks to school but must keep them in their lockers during the day for safety and to encourage responsibility.
- e. **ASAP and Extended Day** – Due to decreased demand for ASAP, it is proposed extended day would have additional homework time supported by teacher office hours for one hour. Office hour usage is at no cost to families and will not be charged as extended day attendance that hour.
- f. **Mission Statement** – Updated to: *“St. Malachy School forms saints in the doctrine and traditions of the Catholic faith by learning, loving, and living in Christ.”* The Shamrock Way was reviewed; the council is considering adding a fifth principle. This change to the mission statement was considered by a subcommittee.

- g. **Upcoming School Year** – Ms. Reynolds will service as Assistant Principal focusing on teacher coaching and mentoring.. Ms. McFarland will focus on students’ needs in collaboration with Ms. Reynolds. Department heads will also be assigned for grade school and middle school.

- 4. **Shamrock Spectacular**
 - a. Net proceeds from Shamrock Spectacular raised \$43,000.
 - b. Ms. Kennison will begin asking for a subcommittee to be formed in the Fall to plan the Shamrock Spectacular.

- 5. **Council Leadership & Finance Liaison**
 - a. Ms. Nesbit elected Secretary
 - b. Mr. Zarich elected Vice Chair
 - c. Ms. Selby will move into Chair
 - d. Ms. Nesbit will serve on Finance council, completing Mr. Hopf’s term.

- 6. **For the Good of the Cause**
 - a. Dates for upcoming school year for events Council members should attend were shared:
 - i. New Family Orientation is July 24.
 - ii. Back to school night is July 31.
 - iii. Blessing of new Council members will be Sunday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. mass.
 - b. The Executive team needs to schedule orientation for new Council members in July.

- 7. **Closing Prayer**
 - a. Fr. Danda ended the meeting with a prayer.