



# Sacred Heart School - Est. 1882

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## School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6:00pm – Parish Center

### EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

Fr. Joseph Corel (Pastor)	<i>Present</i>
Fr. David Veit (Pastor)	<i>Excused</i>
Dr. Mark Register (President)	<i>Present</i>
Jose Maria Gonzalez (A. Princ.)	<i>Present</i>
Abby Martin (Principal)	<i>Present</i>

### CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Jessica Pyle (Finance Director)	<i>Excused</i>
Liz Van Leer (Development Director)	<i>Present</i>
Amanda Blackburn (Athletic Dir.)	<i>Excused</i>

- I. **Opening Prayer** – Mary Ellen Davis
- II. **Action on Minutes** of Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> & Oct 27<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Jared motioned to approve (Oct 13, and Oct 27 r01)
  - b. Teresa provided second
  - c. Minutes were approved as published
- III. **Good of the Parish**
  - a. 3 day mission concluded. Encourage parishioners to find time for hours of Adoration. See Gaby to sign up.
  - b. Good turnout for All Souls service. Also did cemetery blessings.
- IV. **Athletic Report**
  - a. Academic Probation Policy
    - i. Tabled, have decided to wait until the '22-'23 school year to make changes. Future update will be planned.
- V. **Finance Director Report**
  - a. Budget update – reviewed provided reports
  - b. Couple of families withdrew, loss of tuition.
- VI. **Development Director's Report**
  - a. Kicking off annual fund drive with goal of \$250k
    - i. ½ goes to school for operational needs
    - ii. Other ½ is invested. Recent returns 10-15%.
    - iii. Exceeded goal for last year, which enabled us to not have to pull money from the corpus which enabled bathrooms and zero interest loan for little Gremlin playground equipment
    - iv. Many donors giving a matching gift, up to \$76k
    - v. About half-way to goal now, aiming to reach goal by end of year
    - vi. Also have a donor planning \$100k donation, in discussion of how to be used
    - vii. Established scholarship for \$1,000 scholarship in perpetuity, another in the works
    - viii. Have heard from donors that "From The Heart" magazine has helped publicize all the great work going on at the school. Summer and winter issues.



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- ix. Little Gremlins Night – Dec 16<sup>th</sup> for preschool and daycare. Inviting them to basketball game as “VIPs”, free admittance for them
- x. Annual Fund Drive 2022 kickoff will be targeted in Spring. Battle of the Brains on Fat Tuesday / Mardis Gras. Sat Feb 26<sup>th</sup>.

## VII. Principals’ Reports

- a. COVID Report (Mrs. Martin)
  - i. 1 student positive. Another out in quarantine.
- b. Curriculum Report (Mrs. Martin/Mr. Gonzalez)
  - i. Have signed up with Curriculum Track
    1. Familiarizing now, will have a couple teachers pilot this year and push out broadly next year.
- c. Found grading scale different than Helias and Tolten. 75/76% break point was different. Diocese guidance historically was focused on elementary, believe somewhere along the line Helias became different.
  - i. Evaluating implications of changing, slightly extended C, reducing D.
  - ii. Has GPA implications.
- d. Upcoming Events
  - i. November 11 - Veterans Day Mass and Assembly
  - ii. November 11 - First Reconciliation Meeting
  - iii. November 12 - Fifth Grade Field Trip
  - iv. November 13 - Hunter’s Breakfast to benefit SH Repairs
  - v. November 15 - Winter Sports Pictures
  - vi. November 16 - ABC Awards
  - vii. November 16 - XLT Adoration
  - viii. November 17 - 2nd grade Discipleship of Armor
  - ix. November 18-21 – NCYC
    1. 12 students attending
  - x. November 18 - FACTS Tuition Assistance
  - xi. November 23 – All School Mass, Food Drive
  - xii. November 24-26 - No School/Thanksgiving Break

## VIII. Old Business

### IX. New Business

- a. Latino Enrollment Institute - LEI Report (Dr. Register)
  - i. Learned about what will be asked of us as a school and parish
  - ii. 70% of growth in US Catholic Church has come from Latino population
  - iii. Language is important, but most critical to be attuned to culture.
  - iv. There is a difference between bi-lingual and bi-literate
  - v. Often don’t lack ability, but lack language, especially some of the nuance
  - vi. Have embraced Hispanic Heritage month at school (Sep.) with banners, posters, prayers
  - vii. Forming a steering committee



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- viii. “Just Share” tuition model (one possible consideration) for school families
    - 1. 6% AGI to school ministries
    - 2. 2% AGI to other parish ministries
    - 3. 1% to Foundation
    - 4. 1% for Diocesan ministries
  - ix. Reaching out to families for a meeting to get information from them, learn more about how to be successful. Know face-to-face communication is key.
  - x. Stigma exists that Catholic School (and all private schools) can’t be afforded to families who are not very wealthy
  - xi. Also some stigma about parents not having children speak/read at home, which can hinder development
  - b. Other
    - i. New student from Sierra Leone, legally blind, needed to a school. Has been accepted to our school with a long-range goal to go to MO School For The Blind. Officially auditing classes this semester, will start taking credits next semester. Family is providing a para.
  - c. Long Range Planning (Dr. Register)
    - i. Want to create a plan for how to best use donated funds, as they arise, and for planning use of acquired land in neighborhood
    - ii. Reviewed handout of priorities list and recent accomplishments. Some select discussion:
      - 1. Early Childhood Center
      - 2. Looking at more holistic approach to roof repairs
  - d. WhatsApp policy
    - i. Found Hispanic families are not very likely to use emails for communication
    - ii. WhatsApp is very common global app and was proposed. Well-received by Hispanic community when asked.
    - iii. Diocese recommended writing a policy.
    - iv. App has various settings to enable various styles of communication
    - v. Policy to be shared after meeting for review
  - X. **Next Meeting Date** – Dec 9 @ 6pm
  - XI. **Closing Prayer** – Gabby Anzola
  - XII. **Adjournment**
    - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm
  - XIII. **Executive Session**