



January 10, 2024  
School Advisory Board Meeting

**Present at Meeting:** Tawnya Mann, Candace Thompson, Ty Christensen, Melanie Hoffman, Ashley Carlisle, Brad Peal, Kathleen Turner, Abbi Gowen, and Brian Krejci.

6:33 pm meeting called to order and began with Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

November Minutes were approved by Abbi and Melanie.

**President's Report:**

The 2024-2025 calendar

-Only major change is fall conferences moved to October.

SAB Elections

-Ashley, Ryan, and Abbi end their term this year. The Parish Council may implement a digital voting option in addition to paper voting for elections this year.

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-Registration is open, raffle tickets for sale, everyone should attend!

**Committee Reports:**

**Home and School:**

-We are still working on polishing up the Guardian Angels program. One suggestion was to consider pairing families that join at the semester to also be assigned one.

-ELF was very successful.

-We are working on communicating to families more about the Box Tops and TAGG program.

**Finance Committee:**

-Talked about Arbor Bank give back pilot program, families can set up a savings and a certain percentage will go back to the parish.

-We are looking at different revenue options for the school.

**School Operation Committee--** Final 2024-2025 calendar

**Parish Pastoral Council--** The next meeting is 1/11.

**School Improvement Committee--** The next meeting is 2/13.

**Wellness Committee--** Have not met yet.

**Unfinished Business--** none

**New Business--** none

### **Principal's Remarks**

**Opportunity Scholarship NE--** By becoming a partnering school we help bring more educational options to families in the community. Eligible students must be entering kindergarten or ninth grade or transferring from a Nebraska public school where they were enrolled for at least one semester. Siblings of eligible students may also qualify for the scholarship. Fr. Tom is inviting Parishioner and Senator Lou Ann Linehan to speak at a town hall forum at the Parish to offer more insight into the program. There is still discussion within the organization about how a Parish/School would offset funding should it be repealed in November. This scholarship would be the first program we would drive families toward for assistance.

**School copier and phone system--** Over Christmas break Tawnya and Candace worked with Jeff Busch to get all of our phones switched over to CISCO. This system allows for separate bell schedules, emergency alert systems and it is fully integrated. We moved to a different copier company (due to maintenance issues with the former machines) and new machines were installed. The software Papercut has been installed to help the Business Office see copying trends and help regulate the budget.

**State of Parish/State of the School Format Update—**There will be a video series on topic for both the Parish and the School. These will be released over the next several months.

**Accreditation Update--** We are still on track and collecting data. We have another zoom coming up with our Cognia rep on Thursday, January 11th. Our accreditation team will be on campus on Monday, March 18th and they will interview some of us from the board.

**Lunch program update--** We are still looking into the Westside program. In the coming weeks Kami and Deb are going to visit Pius and St. Wenc. to see how they run their

lunchroom and what their setup looks like. Kami will be sending out a survey to parents seeking feedback on our lunch program.

**Enrollment Fee Increase for Staff**—The fee went up for staff to pay \$125/child but can split it up into payments this spring to offset the increase.

**Enrollment Update**-- We are incredibly blessed to have so many families wanting to be a part of our community. A survey was sent out to gauge interest in the needs of families and Kami is working with the Early Childhood team to determine programming options for next year. There is a very healthy waitlist. Our current enrollment Preschool through eighth grade remains steady and we are excited for kindergarten roundup to take place next month and to get registration underway.