

PAC Meeting Minutes
2/13/2025

Attendance: Beth Berkowitz, Steve Bennett, Molly Bruegge, Abigail Isbell, Tom Lieser, Jr., Mike McCafferty, Maggie Wuellner, Vice Principal Beth Mock, Fr. Jamie Weber, Marta

Old Business:

A) SGO: Beth Mock

- Thermometer in weekly newsletter is a good visual and has helped.
- 66 couples donating will help us reach our goal.
- All \$ goes towards tuition
 - Scholarships to low-income family's 1st
 - Lisa Habel is working with the AOC to see if remaining funds can be distributed equally to all families.
- Additional advertisement on FB page could be helpful.

B) Proposal for Additional Teachers: Beth Mock/Fr. Jamie

- Finance did not approve JRM request for additional teachers- more information has been requested before approval.
 - Finance requests:
 - Is 3 the correct number of teachers needed?
 - How many students are affected? Need is mostly in grades 4-8.
 - What are other creative ways to fill this need?
 - PAC thoughts: Can SGO Funds contribute? Annual Fund? Fun Fest?
- JRM has meet with Shannon B in Parish office to find creative ways to finance additional teachers.
- Teachers are choosing to leave SMS
 - Many are stretched too thin
 - Mandates have increased
- (FJW) Lower aptitude students need more attention- we need to help "raise up"
- Enrollment will be 500+ in 2025-2026

C) Police Officer:

- New candidate being looked for.
- All have asked for benefits and base pay is higher.
 - \$60k + Benefits= \$90k
- Budget made by finance is based on high end of P.O's @ Seton & Elder
- Role has not been posted
- St. Cecelia's P.O also teaches

D) School Expansion:

- We will focus on making the school “better not bigger”
- Church is our 1st priority
- Robisch is overflowing w/RCIA
- St. Margaret will likely need to be torn down- sad loss
- Dreams Committee has been formed to help determine use of this space (5 acres)
 - Small Dream: sports fields/bathroom facilities (\$1-2M)
 - More ideas are needed that will benefit all families
 - Campaign will be needed- no date has been set.
 - Mary Garcia & St. Cecelia are also involved

E) Alumni Group Update: Kara Farnham

- Survey being worked on to send out
- There is no current database of Alumni
- Looking for someone to take leadership role
- Shawn Laudeman highlighting HS students in newsletter
- Alumni page to be added to school website
- Looking for alumni to send in exciting news to be shared

F) Welcome Video:

- Adam Bowman has offered to help- giving “family” rate for services
- Video to be completed by Fall- waiting for better weather
- 2 videos’ will be made
 - New Family Video- meeting w/ PTO for Q&A to be included
 - General Video- highlighting school overall

New Business:

A) Parent Letter- Fr. Jamie/Kara Farnham/ Tom Lieser

- Midterm letter went out by Finance re: not fulfilling obligations to meet the In-Parish family tuition rate
- Fr. Jamie values that you are in Mass/worshiping- “saving souls”
 - Monetary donations and volunteering do not fulfill you obligation
- Parish needs more staff (2-3 people) and needs more parking on St. Mary campus.
 - Anger has been expressed related to parking spots given to Parish workers- not all families/members of our community feel these saved spots are needed.
 - What about the teachers and their parking situation?
- Lots of changes have been built up around the school & parish community leading to some overall feelings of unhappiness in the community.
 - This has directly impacted festival sponsorship and donations.

Future Agenda Items:

- Timing issue on “asks”

Next Meeting Dates:

- March 13th, 10:15am