



School Advisory Council

April 2, 2025

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: Mr. Hammons called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
In attendance: Stew Hammons, Karen Shannahan, Maxine Biggs, Andrea Keough, Katie Torris, Chelsea Kilday, Micah Shamash, Ann-Marie Jojola, Cheree Hutchison, Jessie Sullivan, and Jon Thorpe.
- 2) Opening Prayer was said by Mrs. Shannahan.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved.
- 4) Principal Update: Mrs. Shannahan gave an update on the school activities. Currently running an enrollment ad on Facebook. We are refreshing our brochure to put at the Air Force Community Center Chapel and possibly housing office. Also, looking at digital advertising on TVs in several buildings on USAFA. Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday celebration was snowed out. We will teach the students about these celebrations on April 3rd (make-up day) along with the German version of Karneval since we are having the dinner on April 5th. Eighth Grade Living Stations of the Cross went very well. Many parishioners said that it was very reverent. Thank you to Sr. Jackie and Miss Robbins! Lent activities include the “Jesus Tree” which includes scripture readings and ornaments on a tree, Lent scripture readings that suggest daily offerings at morning gathering, and service projects—Tri-Lakes Cares food drive, Mater Filius gift card drive, and Mundakayam Medical Trust Hospital in India. Brother Gabriel the “Skateboarding Monk” will do an assembly on April 11th about Reconciliation. In extracurricular activities, we recognized Wrestlers at Morning Gathering for their medals at the wrestling tournament. Science Club sessions are averaging 10-11 students per session. One of our Chess Club participants won 1st place for Kindergarten at the D-38 Chess Tournament. Currently hiring for Speech, Latin, Spanish, Art, Band, and Kindergarten. Interview this week for Art and Kinder. Interview next week for Band. MS History teacher will be Elizabeth Kasayka, a current teacher at Divine Redeemer. (She is considering teaching Speech.) Finally, Seventh grade has taken over most fundraising from the current 8th grade for their class trip to Washington D.C. in 2026. After report there were questions about the Math curriculum for next year, CLT, and Fix-It Grammar. SAC members shared they thought middle school needed more homework. The Math curriculum will have Kindergarten to 6th grade in Singapore Math. Seventh grade will use Math & You Pre-Algebra books and 8th grade will be split into 8th Math & You Pre-Algebra and Algebra I. Fix-It Grammar is a product of IEW, but Shurley Grammar will be brought back as the main Grammar curriculum 1st to 8th grades. The Classic Learning Test is used at other diocesan schools and St. Peter was asked to switch. The CLT tests our current curriculum as well as critical thinking skills. The IOWA test does not match our curriculum, nor does it test critical thinking skills.
- 5) Facilities/Safety & Security Committee report:
Lanyards were made for the school volunteers with the SRP protocol and quick reference phone number list. An Active Shooter exercise is planned for the faculty and staff with Monument Police department on August 5th, 2025. Safety & Security protocols for the



St. Peter parish campus were shared with teachers and clearing hallways quickly were discussed with teachers at their professional development on March 21st. The driveway painting and signs as well as boulder barriers will be installed this summer. HVAC to be installed on Easter break. New gates for the playground are on order. And, the Safety & Security survey has been delivered to Mrs. Shannahan.

- 6) The School App has been tested. It is updatable and can be supported. The cost would be \$200/yr or possibly free if applied as a nonprofit. SAC recommended to move forward with the School App.
- 7) Mr. Hammons gave an executive committee report to the SAC members. He explained that committees will look different in the new governance model next year. He emphasized the importance of the Marketing/Development committee and the need for more marketing and branding in the upcoming school year. And, the Catholic Identity committee needs to work on more family events.
- 8) Closing Prayer: Mrs. Shannahan closed the meeting with prayer.

Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Peter Catholic School is to partner with parents who are the first and primary educators of their children. Our challenging classical curriculum encourages students to achieve academic excellence and grow in their Catholic faith through virtue and Truth. We strive to form future leaders and disciples who demonstrate integrity, compassion, and respect to all.

Vision Statement:

St. Peter Catholic School forms the whole child through a Christ-centered , integrated Catholic classical education based on Truth and virtue. Our faith community equips students to become leaders in the Church and world, with salvation as the ultimate purpose.