



School Advisory Council

May 7, 2025

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order: Mr. Hammons called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
In attendance: Stew Hammons, Karen Shannahan, Father Gregory, Maxine Biggs, Andrea Keough, Brooke Mandril, Chelsea Kilday, Micah Shamash, Ann-Marie Jojola, Jessie Sullivan, J.P. O'Hanlon, and Jon Thorpe.
- 2) Opening Prayer was said by Father Gregory.
- 3) Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved.
- 4) Father Gregory Update: Father Gregory shared that the New Governance model Board of Directors is up and running. He asked for committee member volunteers and to pass along to anyone who might be interested. Fr. Gregory explained that the tuition is going to a big fund. Our Gala and Golf Tournament fundraising money will go to the school not the fund. All parishes will start to contribute to Catholic schools. Then Fr. Gregory gave an update on school improvements. The HVAC system is done and the gates will be installed in June. There will be painting and flooring replaced as well as the lights in the gym replaced. He also explained that he is investigating the electric usage in the school. The school uses 1 megawatt a day. He is hiring a company to look at everything. Then Fr. Gregory answered questions regarding the electricity usage.
- 5) Principal Update: Mrs. Shannahan gave an update on the school activities.
 - Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday celebration happened on April 3rd. Everyone liked the pancake breakfast. We will be doing this again next year.
 - The 8th Grade trip to Washington D.C. went very well. Mrs. Schecht and I have ideas to change it up a little bit. We'd like to visit the Capitol building and a Senate or Congressman. We'd also like to request to participate in the wreath ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery.
 - Brother Gabriel, the "Skateboarding Monk", was a huge hit. He spent the day visiting classrooms and then did his skateboarding assembly.
 - Extracurriculars: Middle School track has been going on. Science Club had 11 students sign up for the final classes. STEM Club will be launching their weather balloon on Friday, May 9th. And, the musical is this Friday and Saturday, May 9th and 10th.
 - Confirmation was last week and was a beautiful Mass with Bishop Golka celebrating, and Fr. Gregory, and Fr. Jacob con-celebrating. Sr. Jackie and St. Pham did a great job preparing the students.
 - Teacher and Staff moves: Currently hiring for Preschool Lead Teacher, Latin, Spanish, and Band. Interviews this week for Spanish. I can hire someone for band, if we get a Spanish teacher. The 2nd grade teacher decided not to return for next year and Mrs. Nancy Huff-Jackson, current 2nd grade teacher at Divine Redeemer, accepted the position.
 - SERV: The Mother/Daughter night was small but great. I heard lots of nice comments from parents. Teacher Appreciation Week is underway. We've had a



great response from parents with treats during the day and a giftcard drawing each day.

- Seventh grade has taken over all fundraising from the current 8th grade for their class trip to Washington D.C. in 2026. They co-hosted the Aloha Dance with the Student Council and it was a huge hit.
- 6) Reviewed the Volunteer statement in the Family Handbook. Revisions need to be made. When the School App goes live, wording will have to be changed.
- 7) Discussed the School App and Raptor. There was concern about validating volunteer hours and the gathering of accurate data.
- 8) The 2025-2026 School Budget was presented to School Advisory Council. Fr. Gregory told SAC that there were a few changes from the Parish Finance Council.
- 9) No committee reports at this meeting.
- 10) Mrs. Shannahan asked for suggestions on asking people to volunteer. SAC members suggested posting in the parish bulletin.
- 11) Mrs. Shannahan asked for SAC members to consider becoming the new Chairperson.
- 12) Closing Prayer: Fr. Gregory 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.