



## **School Advisory Council**

September 25, 2024

### **Minutes**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Hammons called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jacob D'sa

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved Sept 11, 2024, minutes

**Principal update:** Mrs. Shannahan

- Provided handouts on 'The Joy and Wonder of Catholic Education', 'Spreading Renewal of Catholic Education A Guide for Parents', and 'The Vital Need for Beauty in Our Schools'
- The Middle School elected a student council
- Yearbook club has started
- Science club outsourced to STEM company starting Oct 17th
- Chess Club still in need, we may use the same company pending feedback from STEM club
- The school still needs a Musical Director
- 8th grade had their shadow day which was a success
- Great feedback from St Mary's Principal about St Peter's new students
- Middle school retreat scheduled for Oct 4th
- Monument PD scheduled Lockdown drill for Oct 3rd at 1pm

**Catholic Identity sub-committee update:** Represented by Mrs. Shannahan

- Recommend reinstating confession rotations
- This sub-committee needs additional volunteers, please let Mrs. Shannahan or Mr. Hammon's know if you feel led to help

**Academic sub-committee update:** Mr. Shamash

- Discussed the need of having a 5-year academic plan
- Foreign language was discussed:
  - Last year only middle-schoolers took Latin, and then had the option for either Spanish or Band. This year, we lost the Latin teacher and Musical Director, so they switched to Spanish for grades 3-8<sup>th</sup>
  - Discussed the potential of having a Coding class as a foreign language option

- Much debate whether this should be worked into the curriculum vs. a club option
- Mrs. Shannahan highlighted the differences of classical vs. liberal arts education
- Curriculum vs. club pros and cons discussed regarding Coding class specifically
- The sub-committee was asked to research and present more data specifically regarding a coding class (or a more technology focused class), i.e. if this would help our 8<sup>th</sup> graders for high school

**Marketing/Development update:** Represented by Mrs. Torris

- Review of last year presented by Mrs. Torris.
- Discussed needing a 5–10-year strategic plan, focused on forecasting and growth
- Mrs. Shannahan provided Meitler Data Report handout to review:
  - Growth at 0-4 yrs is up, K-8th growth is down
  - Racial and ethnic trends, biggest growth is Hispanic
  - Observations elementary schools in Diocese: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th grade increase and 7<sup>th</sup> & 8th declines.
- Mrs. Shannahan requests strategic plan, specifically needing a Mission Statement and the ‘8th grade Graduate Defined’ by the end of the school year, ideally by Christmas
- Cheree Hutchison volunteered to be the Chairperson for this sub-committee
- Brooke Mandrill volunteered to be the lead on Development

**Next meeting suggested agenda:** Mr. Hammons

- Review/update from the following sub-committees: Finance, Safety & Security, Volunteer
- Approve Sub-committee descriptions (**must have edits to Mr. Hammons prior to meeting**)
- Survey out to parents: Vision of our 8th grader (academic, catholic identity)

**Closing Prayer:** Fr. Jacob D’sa

**Attendance:** Stew Hammons, Fr. Jacob D’sa, Karen Shannahan, Jayme Oakley, Katie Torris, Ann-Marie Jojola, Andrea Keough, Cheree Hutchison, Brooke Mandrill, Charles Bies, James Henry, Jon Thorpe, JP O’Hanlon, Maxine Biggs, Micah Shamash, Jessie Sullivan, Linda Wilson, Chelsea Kilday

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Oct 2, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

**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.*

