

SAC Minutes - January 2025
1/22/25

Attendees: Karen Bursey, Becky Brouillard, Margaret Anderson, Laura Carrillo, Elise Hoverman, Carrie Schildgen, Mary Daugherty

Opening Prayer - Margaret

November minutes approved (Carrie)

- Second bullet to be revised

Principal Report:

- Development Update: Alumni newsletter went out highlighting family of Mike Murry who passed away. Goal is two alumni newsletters per year. Annual Campaign letter went to alumni and supporters of the gym floor. Recorded \$7k in annual campaign; doesn't include pledged money, just what's recorded in checks. Goal is \$50k. Anticipate two more rounds of the campaign
- Leadership team (Father, Mary, Liz, Karen, Lola) has been training in Salesforce "The Hub", which will be a database for alumni and school families, combined with parish to create efficiencies and eliminate duplicate entries. Volunteering will be added to The Hub to create a better experience over Sign Up. Target go live is April 1, 2025. Newsletter and all school communication will go through The Hub as well.
 - Benefit suggested – ability to reconcile lists so mailing doesn't go to Gala attendees that already bought tickets
- Gala Update: Sold 117 tickets, including staff. Goal is 200 tickets sold. Average attendance 180-200. Date moved back this year since Room Parents reported it was difficult to get baskets ready after Christmas; Lent is later so there was room to move it back. Committee mentioned new date conflicts with Totino Grace Show Choir event.
 - Live auction items will include Cabin Stay, Night with MN Wild (tickets, hotel, dinner), Robbinsdale Police Escort to School. Potential to include middle school lock in, affordable trip to Vegas. Evaluating alternatives to Principal for the day, such as a Twins Game
 - Music by Mixed Tape Messages, decades cover band
 - Casino games after the program
 - Dave Gooley bartender with signature drink
 - New MC, Tim Lifton, has done a lot of Catholic School Galas
 - Encourage all SAC members to participate
 - Date moved back this year since it was difficult to get baskets ready after Christmas, since Lent is later it worked to move it back
- Catholic Schools Week: Newsletter went out for fun week. On Friday, January 31, there will be a dance for PreK-5 grades. Will need middle school volunteers, limiting to 12-13. During the dance there will also be Bingo for parents in the lunchroom for Teacher Appreciation fundraising, and book fair.

- Math Curriculum is under review
- Robotics: will have a competition February 24 at Sacred Heart. It's not paid, but rather a pairing with Cron du Let. This first year, the team had to buy robots, so didn't have funding to pay for competitions; anticipate being able to participate next year. There are roughly 25 kids participating in robotics.
- Preschool Marketing Event: 2-3 yo open gym, 1.5 hrs Saturday morning January 25th. Tours will be available, and siblings are welcome
- MN Budget Proposal (Gov Walz): Gov Walz is proposing to cut all text book aid, nurse supply, school guidance counselor and bussing to non-public schools in state of MN. It's anticipated not to pass, but he's a big proponent of public school. Future Newsletters will highlight the need to reach out to our representatives. This proposal would affect our budget with text books and nurse supply.

Financials:

- Without donor restricted activity, bottom line - school is ahead of budget by \$13k net income
 - Donor restricted activity is mostly related to the gym floor (expenses). Project started before new FY, but was put into prepaid and transferred in when finished, which is in this FY. It negatively affects the bottom line
- School development – YTD behind budget. Wreaths didn't bring in as much to budget. Gala and Annual Campaign, uncertain when funds come in so may seem off, but will settle at end of year
- Tuition in arrears as of January. Finance Council met first week in January to review tuition scenarios considering compensation. Trustees and Father in discussions. Expect to officially approve tuition number next Tuesday, anticipating an increase.

School Calendar 2025-2026:

- April 7-9, 2026 is National Catholic Education conference at Minneapolis Convention Center. Archdiocese wants all schools to attend. Reviewed Robbinsdale schedule, removing 5 professional development days. Taking away remaining one-off days, aligns with a calendar readjustment to account for the convention.
- Consideration for two full weeks off in a row to allow spring break and conference attendance, or split up the weeks. Teachers are split.
- Committee discussed. Two weeks in a row is a long academic break for kids, especially shortly after Christmas break. Recommended breaking up the weeks and scheduling spring break as early as possible.

MNSAA:

- Karen submitted the report and strategic plan, now needs to collect evidence for each standard. Interview schedule in process. Will need some SAC members that morning to be interviewed. Rikki and Molly are planning to get breakfast the morning of February 19, so they could be interviewees

- PTC is providing lunch on Thursday. Friday is TBD, Karen will order pizzas and/or pick up a light breakfast and have snacks available.

Wellness Policy:

- The Committee approved the Wellness Policy, but Elise reviewed and made some edits. Most changes were adding verbiage that was specific from MDE guidelines since you get points by having certain criteria included.
- Edits included making sure access to water all day, birthdays and celebrations will try to be non-food items, food/beverages sold during the day meet USDA smart meal and snacks (but we don't normally sell during the day), added some items regarding physical activity, discourage consumption of competitive foods, reasonable steps to accommodate dental regimens and special oral health needs, frequency of reviewing the policy and where it can be found, students recognized during birthday on announcement and school pencil/sticker, non-food and extra-curricular items for rewards, recess times
- Margaret motioned, Committee Approved

Tuition 2025-2026

- Good Shepherd rate is \$6155 and will increase to \$6675 (\$520). Non-partitioner is \$7795 and will increase to \$8075 (\$280). Father and Finance Committee will decide.

Teacher Appreciation

- Carrie provided an update on the campaign of events with a goal of raising \$5k. Committee expressed concern about event fatigue and conscious of the ask due to coming off Christmas and Gala, but appreciation for community building opportunity.
- Suggestion to focus on higher projection events, likely to not proceed with pancake dinner. Can also increase non-uniform days from \$2 planned to \$5.
- The group can tier out the gift amount for teachers that are full-time vs part-time.
- Reminder that an event at school will require a staff member to be present
- Moving forward, are there other consistent ideas or events we can have a 'Teacher Appreciation' free will donation - Tips for Teachers

PreK Continuous Enrollment

- Continuous enrollment has been implemented for PreK. Parents will need to notify if they do not intend to enroll again.

New Business/Roundtable

- Margaret looked up tuition and provided updates on local high schools
- 2024 Annual Report provided by Mary
- Interest for enrollment next year? Yes, Lola is giving tours

Closing Prayer – Hail Mary