

**School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2025, 7:30 AM**  
**Location: Teacher's Lounge (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Near Music Room)**

**Members Present:**

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| • Stephen Turk    | • Chris Chervenak   | • Angela Morgan  |
| • Molly Van Dusen | • Lauren Bukowski   | • Christy Samona |
| • Erin Dawkins    | • Rhiannon LaForest |                  |

- Meeting called to order at 7:33 AM
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Principal Report**
  - Open House went very well. GA welcomed 39 new families for tours.
  - Enrollment is also going very well. Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grades will have 2 classes next year. There are some spots available in those classes.
  - Academy classes are being capped at 28 students.
  - The school will need to hire 1 more teacher for next year, and currently has a potential candidate.
- **Review of Parent Comments from January (and previous) Meetings**
  - Could other options be considered for gym uniforms?
    - The current requirements call for an "ash" colored top. This will be clarified that "ash" means heathered gray.
    - The new proposal would allow for zip-up, heathered gray jackets or crewneck sweatshirts to be worn for gym (no hoods or pockets).
  - Potential of adding a "Room Parent" for each classroom.
    - A sign up will be available at the Back to School Picnic in August. Interested parents should sign up and work with the teacher on the expectations when school is back in session.
    - The parent could assist the teacher with party planning, collections for teacher gifts, field trip coordination, helping new families, etc.
  - Review of Lockdown Drill Notifications.
    - It has been requested that notifications are sent to inform the school community of when drills will occur to lessen the stress of the situation. This however is not allowed per state requirements – drills need to be spontaneous and need to be treated like an actual event is occurring to best prepare the school community. Once students are in their appropriate places during the drill, teachers will be encouraged to provide emotional support to students. The purpose of the drill is for allowing students to practice for the actual event, mentally and emotionally.

- Review of Process of Signing Up for Clubs.
  - A sign up for Art Club recently was sent, but no lottery was in place. This was an honest mistake. Lotteries will be utilized in the future.

- **Discussion of New Parent Concerns**

- Overall enforcement of current uniform policy.
  - A reminder to parents to ensure that your child is in compliance prior to leaving for school. There as been a few issues with compliance recently.
- Offering of Sex Education for grades 5-8.
  - The AOD has released curriculum for Sex Education for grades 5-8. Guardian Angels will be rolling out this curriculum later this spring. Starting next school year, the curriculum will be released in the fall.
  - A letter will be sent to parents explaining the program.
  - The curriculum will be taught by the corresponding religion teacher for each grade.
  - Parents will be encouraged to supplement with additional information and answer questions from their child at home.
- Review of discipline procedures and repeat offenders.
  - The school is documenting frequent offenders and working with parents on how to take corrective actions.
  - Particularly working with younger students on how to properly socialize better in the classroom so they are not disruptive.
- Background Checks and Protecting God's Children Certification.
  - All parents and guardians volunteering for a school activity are required to complete a background check. All parents and guardians who wish to chaperone field trips or volunteer in a small group setting, must obtain the Protecting God's Children Certification.
  - The school does review the information found during the background check. Those who have been found not in compliance, could be denied volunteer opportunities.
  - This policy is set by the AOD.
- Concern with Girl Scout activities aligning with Catholic Faith
  - Prior to participating in any activity, or distributing material, the content will be reviewed to ensure that it is not controversial.
- Concern with TV being used in the classroom for non-educational purposes.
  - Television programs are played during snack time to allow for a quick "brain break." This is typical, especially in the younger grades to allow for some down time.

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- Online Homework vs. Written Homework
  - There are pro's and con's to each method, and this is recognized. Online systems allow for the homework to be tailored to the specific students' needs, while reducing printing costs. Written work is typically completed within the classroom.
- **Review of SAC Bi-Laws**
  - Not reviewed at this meeting due to time constraints.
- **Open Forum**
  - No issues presented.
- **Next Meeting:**
  - Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 7:45 AM
- Meeting adjourned at 8:41AM

**Minutes respectfully Prepared by Lauren Bukowski, SAC Secretary**