

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from April 9, 2025

Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
Lucas Stangler, Principal
Paul Sweeney, Member/Chair
Dan Wycklendt, Finance Committee Liaison
Katherine Murray, Member/Marketing Committee Chair
Jacqueline Prater, Member
Kevin Casper, Member
Anne Jackson, Member/Secretary
Scott Waggoner, Parish Liaison
David Clark, Member
David Borowski, Athletic Board Liaison

Not Present:

Caitlin Rafaelidys, Home & School Association Liaison
Meg Pasternak, Member/Development Committee Chair
Susan Sprenger, Member/Vice Chair

Guests:

Sarah Pandl

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order at 6:05PM (Paul Sweeney)
2. Prayer (Lucas Stangler)
3. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2025 (Sweeney)
Minutes approved previously via email.
4. Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)
Currently there are 198 students fully enrolled for the 2025-2026 school year with a total of 239 including those who are partially enrolled. Goal of 250 for the 2025/26 year.
Discussion on next school years class structure; decisions will be made by the end of this school year based on the number of students enrolled at the time.
5. New/Ongoing Business

Update on School Excellence Fund/Development Committee (Sweeney/Pandl)
A different take on the Annual Fund Kick-Off party will be held on April 25th at The Coutour.
Invitations were sent electronically with RSVP's due April 18th.

The Annual Report will come out in the fall; donor letters will still go out at the end of the year with an ask and return envelopes will be included.

Annual Fund current total: \$48,288.

Excellence Fund current total: \$99,139.

Pending Pledges: \$11,500.

Pending combined total: \$158,926.

Grants are being submitted for next school year.

Donor/database management systems are being analyzed, close to making a decision on the best route.

Strategic Planning Initiative (Stangler/Sweeney)

Last meeting is tomorrow evening, each of the 4 domains have specific goals and plans to reach them. Formal presentation will be made at the State of the School meeting.

Updating of School Handbook (Stangler)

Lucas will take the lead on this with input from teachers.

Preparation for State of the School Meeting (Stangler/Sweeney)

SAC and Home and School will work together to provide refreshments for the meeting.

Format will be similar to last year.

Update on Plans for All Parent Meeting at the start of next school year (Stangler/Sprenger)

Home and School looking at what they need to accomplish so we can put together a plan.

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liaisons

6. New/Ongoing Business

Feasibility/Concerns/Benefits of Letter Grading System for Middle School (Stangler)

Discussion on potentially bringing some high school freshman in to share how prepared/unprepared they were for their freshman year.

Discussion on letter grading system for middle school, would our students be better prepared to manage high school expectations with a letter versus a number.

Review of Operating Norms (Sweeney)

Discussion on process of adding new members/replacing those rotating off and timing of having those members in place.

7. Marketing Committee Update (Murray)

A grant has been applied for to fund marketing efforts for next school year.

An event for parents of 3-4 year olds was held to work on capturing those families early on; focusing on reaching out to recently baptized families; flyer in the pews for financial aid program.

8. Liaison Reports

Parish Council (Scott Waggoner)
Holy week is next week.

Home and School (Caitlin Rafaelidys)
Emerald auction was a success.
Still in need of a Pretzel Run chair for next year.

Athletics (Dave Borowski)
Eight grade boys finished second in the Padre Tournament, they had an amazing season.
May 16th is the golf tournament.
May 27th is Athletic Banquet.
New event proposed, 3 on 3 co-ed tournament on May 22nd.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm.