

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from November 12th, 2025

Present:

Lucas Stangler, Principal
Katherine Murray, Member/Chair/Marketing Committee Chair
Meg Pasternak, Member/Development Committee Chair
Jacqueline Prater, Member
Kristin Hansen, Member
JoAnne Reardon, Member
Scott Waggoner, Parish Liaison
Kristin Merry, Member
David Clark, Member
James Potter, Finance Committee Liaison
Kevin Casper, Member
Anne Jackson, Member
Margaret Dorsey, Home and School Liaison
Amy Schmidt, Athletic Board

Not Present:

Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor
David Borowski, Athletic Board Liaison
Caitlin Martell, Home and School Association Liaison

OPEN SESSION

- Call to Order and opening prayer at 6:04PM (Katherine Murray)
- Margaret Dorsey- Home and School update
 - Red Envelope Christmas fund due 12/5. Upped goal to \$100 per student. Presently at 50% of the goal.
 - School is moving to PushPay, away from Blackbaud
 - Auction update: Questions regarding saving money by hosting at school? Money to be saved on alcohol/bar by hosting a Stock the Bar open house at the Popalisky house on Jan. 10th.
 - Musical rights purchased; discussed struggle with behavior management during rehearsals
 - No Bobcats at Boswell this year due to low turnout
 - Dec. 7th Christmas caroling with Mrs. Popalisky

- Amy Schmit- Athletics update
- Volleyball season went well! Tournament play!
- Athletics pre-assigned parents to volunteer for events/work concessions and given schedules ahead of time. Will do the same for basketball season.
- Student behavior was overall improved at the Seton tournament- zero calls with concerns
- Bobcat Bucketfest happening in December

- Principal's Report (Lucas Stangler)
- The boiler is running! Tweaking things, finishing clean up
- Staffing: Vacancy has been posted for Mrs. Powers maternity leave in April
- Using Clipboard Education- third party service for substitute teachers when an internal/known substitute isn't available

- Discussion of Tracking for Math
- Concerns we raised regarding the "lesser accelerated" math group. Students are grouped into these "high" and "low" groups for four consecutive academic classes. Lucas admits that four classes in a separate cohort was not ideal. -Parent/student perception is that the "lower" group has more behavioral concerns and class time is spent managing behaviors. There is some bullying between students. -Parents should bring individual concerns to the school.

- Review of Strategic Plan 2025-2028

Strategic Priority 2: Define, measure, and foster academic excellence

Objective 1: Create profile of a Bobcat graduate aligned to grade-level outcomes

- Group felt the draft of "profile of a Bobcat graduate" was too broad and didn't have grade-level specifications. Perhaps focus more on the six values St. Robert already has listed under Mission, Vision, and Values on the school website.

Strategic Priority 5: Achieve annual balanced budget

Objective 3: Communicate and market our vision to meet enrollment goals

- Marketing efforts: advertising in First Stage, Nutcracker, driving traffic to open house
- Update website and staff bios

- Meg Pasternak- Development Committee Updates
- Love One Another Campaign: All school families will receive a letter from Mark Breen and pledge form sent home in school folders

Here's the most recent campaign numbers:

- LOA Goal \$3,200,000
- Total Pledged \$2,363,008 by 150 families
- Remaining to be Raised \$836,992

- Database Transition: In the midst of data transfer, data has been exported from old/current systems, with some clean-up in Excel. Beginning early next week, data will be imported and vetted in ParishStaq

-Excellence Fund: Sarah is reaching out to families that donated to the Excellence Fund last year

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liaisons

Pastoral Council (Scott Waggoner): Preparing for Advent, discussion of personnel and consolidating roles

Finance Council (James Potter): Father Enrique created a budgetary committee to review parish/school finances

Pastor's Comments: None

Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.