

St. Robert School Advisory Commission

Minutes from May 13th, 2026

Present:

Lucas Stangler, Principal
Katherine Murray, Member/Chair/Marketing Committee Chair
Jacqueline Prater, Member, Secretary
Kristin Hansen, Member
Kristin Merry, Member
Anne Jackson, Member
Scott Waggoner, Parish Council Liaison
JoAnne Reardon, Member
Kevin Casper, Member
Caitlin Martell, Home and School Association Liaison
Sarah Pandl
Fr. Enrique Hernandez, Pastor

Not Present:

Meg Pasternak, Member/Development Committee Chair
David Clark, Member
David Borowski, Athletic Board Liaison

OPEN SESSION

1. Call to Order and opening prayer at 6:07 PM
2. Principal's Report
 - 2026-2027 Enrollment update: 226 fully enrolled, 253 pending.
3. Review of Strategic Plan 2025-2026 Initiatives
 - *Develop holiness in our students, staff and families. Objective 1: Enhance service and charity*
 - Thanksgiving Food Drive in the Fall
 - Blessing bags in the winter and Valentine's Day door hangers.
 - End of year service projects include a used book drive and clothing drive
 - *Develop holiness in our students, staff and families. Objective 2: Develop virtue program*

- Each month, the school focuses on a virtue and grade bands focus on a Saint that demonstrated that virtue. Students then get selected by staff to be acknowledged at a monthly Mass. Kate Willems is leading for next year as well.
- *Achieve an annual balanced budget. Objective 2: Use our vision to fundraise for the future and offset financial pressures.*
 - Discussion on merging efforts between school development and parish stewardship; Re-engagement campaign to capture parishioners and former parents/SRS alumni; Questions about increasing corporate fundraising and working to offer a set package/plan for the year that includes sponsorship at all large school fundraisers.

CLOSED SESSION – SAC Members and Liaisons

4. Committee Reports

Marketing Committee (Katherine Murray)

- Discussion if it's worth going after grants for marketing once again
- Next steps are to optimize school website

Development Committee (Meg Pasternak)

- None

5. New/Ongoing Business

a. Staffing changes:

- i. Reduction in specials does not mean less specials per week for students. Mr. O'Brien (gym) not returning in order to pursue his MBA and Mrs. Ciganek (art) retiring. Looking to fill art internally.
- ii. Mr. Anderson's (7th Grade Math) position will need to be covered; that plan is being developed, including Mrs. Popalisky to cover an additional section of middle school math.
- iii. Maggie Kowalski to move into first grade for next year; and maintain giving Reading support

b. Mrs. Wilson's maternity substitute: Looking to find someone to start/shadow the start of the year with her in September.

c. Professional development/instruction coaching plans: Wit and Wisdom implementation and training will continue as they enter year two. Continuing staff book studies. SAC raised questions regarding how data and information is being used from the book study to better enhance student outcomes. Question of staff coaching was raised - Who is

responsible for teacher coaching (Stefaniak? Outside party?) More information and further discussion should be spent in future SAC meeting

6. Liaison Reports

James Potter- Finance

- There will be a raise in tuition this year to offset rising costs of benefit/insurance plans. Some members questioned the raising of tuition (as we're already the highest in the Northshore) without having implemented all potential budget cuts and cost-saving measures. Concern around timing because tuition rates haven't yet been published despite families having registered months ago.

Caitlin Martell- Home and School

- Review of next year's home and school board members/positions. Maura Darneider to serve as SAC liaison for the next school year.

Dave Borowski- Athletics

- No Update

Scott Waggoner - Pastoral Council

- Cory Wycklendt is rolling off pastoral council. Farewell for Fr. Charles and Greater Giving campaign appreciation on Friday night before the fair.

7. Pastor's Comments: None

8. Closing Prayer:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM