

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2026
4:00pm-5:30pm

Present: Ashley Allen, Christopher Chandler, Hiram Morales, Erica Morales, Patrick Wade, Fr. Mark, Kelly Mechelke, Jessica Louthan, Mary Marlowe, Andrea Gentile

Presenter: Faith Staut

I. Call to Order - 4:00pm

II. Opening Prayer - Fr. Mark led the group in prayer

III. Presenter's/Spectator's - Faith Stout

- Topic: Visibility of the honor roll for parents beyond the President List
 - Performance email + principals list sent out: Honor roll not included
- SAB recommendation for future:
 - Attach full recognition list as PDF to emails and Facebook

IV. Old Business

- Review of March Minutes
 - approved by SAB members

B. Review of Bullying/Harassment Policy

- Bring revised bullying/harassment policy + handbook updates to May meeting
- Potentially need summer to work to finalize wording

C. School Lunch Subcommittee Update (Alex LaFasto)

Alex LaFasto was absent. Dr. Mechelke updated that she met with Janyi Linderman.

They visited about sending out a survey to families to see how they like the cafeteria changes.

Dishwasher currently broken → replacement dishwasher in progress

- Prize cart updates:
 - Smaller candy portions
 - More fruit snacks
 - Healthier drinks (sports drinks over soda)
- Food changes:
 - Lower-sugar ice cream reintroduced
 - Ongoing testing based on student feedback

V. New Business

A. Dr. Mechelke's Updates

1. Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, Operational Vitality

- New SAB members:
 - Brett Thompson & Tyra Mattingly
- Two day Spanish PD successful; math PD upcoming
- 7th & 8th grade attend 2-night retreats April 21-23
 - Locations:
 - Eagle Rock (7th grade, One hour away)
 - Doe River (8th grade, two hours away)
 - Activities:
 - Rock climbing, ropes course, hiking
 - Gaga/bazooka ball, sports
- Staffing:
 - Retirement: Marilyn Derbyshire, Diana Brach indicated May 2025 that 2025-26 would be her last school year here. Katie Schreiber was asked to

be full-time but declined. Christina McCullough is pregnant and wants to stay home with her baby. Mallory Nygard is returning to the library. Maureen Rushing is moving to Atrium. Ella Jabaley will be the new 3rd grade teacher.

- June SAB meeting
 - Light social/potluck format
 - Invite new members: Brett Thompson & Tyra Maddenley
 - Resume meetings in August
- Atrium open and operational
- Construction on track for October completion

VI. Closing Prayer

- Father Mark led us in a Glory Be