



## Advisory Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 18, 2026

Attendees - Rachel Heller, Chris Chandler, Stephanie Greiner, Patrick Wade, Mary Marlowe, Shannon Thompson, Brett Thompson, Fr. Mark Schuster, Jessica Louthan, Kelly Mechelke, Ashley Allen, Tyra Mattingly, Andrea Gentile

Not Present - Will Silverberg, Alex LaFasto

Presentation by Tim Ramirez and observer Celia Ramirez - Dress Code Compliance

- Call to Order - 4:05pm
- Opening Prayer - Fr. Mark
- Tim Ramirez link to presentation: [Ramirez Presentation](#)
- Discussion by School Adviosry Board
  - Continued concerns were discussed regarding consistent enforcement of uniform standards, particularly skirt and shorts length requirements.
  - Current expectations are that skirts and shorts should cover approximately three-fourths of the leg; however, enforcing this standard can be difficult due to varying body types. (The school board will review this for the school year 2027-28)
  - Students found out of compliance are currently required to contact parents to bring appropriate replacement uniforms or find something from the uniform closet.

### Proposed Solutions

- Implement random uniform audit days, potentially twice per month, to encourage consistent compliance for the 2026-27 school year. Start this so we can be in full compliance for the 2027-28 school year.
- Increase communication with parents regarding dress code expectations and consequences for non-compliance during summer.
- Explore allowing both khaki and navy pants options for middle school students to provide additional flexibility.
- Review current white church shirt requirements due to concerns about transparency and student comfort.

### School Values and Expectations

- The dress code is intended to promote modesty, self-respect, and Christian values.
- Enforcement should be applied consistently to both male and female students. Establishing and maintaining consistent appearance standards is a challenge for any school. With many faculty and staff members responsible for monitoring expectations, achieving complete consistency requires clear communication, collaboration, and ongoing effort. While perfection is unlikely, our commitment is to enforce standards fairly, respectfully, and consistently while supporting students in meeting expectations.
- Student personal grooming standards, including appropriate hairstyles and overall appearance, remain part of the policy expectations.

### Challenges and Cultural Considerations

- Families often comment about difficulty locating modest and dress-code-compliant clothing.
- Peer pressure and current cultural trends can influence student clothing choices.
- Some parents perceive enforcement as inconsistent or unfair.
- The school seeks to balance accountability with compassion, flexibility, and a positive school environment.

**Welcome New Members**-Tyra Mattingly and Brett Thompson to the School Advisory Board as members. Shannon Thompson was welcomed as the PTMO president seat on the School Advisory Board. Thank you to Alex LaFasto and Jessica Louthan for their three years of service to the School Advisory Board. Thank you to Erica Morales for her one year PTMO service on the School Advisory Board.

### School Updates

- School supply lists have been distributed to families.
- Middle school electives will be adjusted, with STREAM and Health classes now alternating throughout the academic year. Electives are Choir, Theatre, Fitness Foundations, Art, and Band.
- Summer staff development is planned in English, Language Arts, and Mathematics.
- Staffing Updates
  - Learning Lab-JoAnna Manard - Darcy Devrnja moves to Learning Lab
  - 1st grade Kiley Carrasquillo - Bernadette Davis moves to 4th grade
  - 3rd grade Ella Jabaley - Maureen Rushing moves to Atrium
  - 4th grade Cathy Botica
  - 5th grade Kerri Kovarik
  - M.S. Science/Math Seth Hytrek
  - M.S. 6th, 7th, & 8th Eng Open
  - Maria Schroeder Religion teacher for 1st grade, and 3rd.
- Administration updated bullying policy. This has been integrated into the Student/Parent Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.
- Our book study for this year is *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality* by Matthew Kelly
- The school plans to complete the building addition project by October 2026.
- Closing Prayer-Father Mark 5:29 p.m.