

## **Executive Summary: St. Pius X Catholic High School Advisory Council Meeting - May 13, 2024**

**Attendees:** Council members Aaron Parr, Dev Maguire, Pat Esser, and others. Notable absence of members including Michelle Schlueter and Maria Miller.

**Opening:** The meeting commenced with a welcome and prayer. New council member of the Archdiocesan Advisory Council, Joey Nordmark, was introduced.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes from the March 18, 2024 meeting were approved.

### **Key Highlights:**

- **President's Report:**
  - Discussed enrollment challenges, noting competition from homeschool and hybrid schools.
  - Plans to enhance advertising in local parishes and host events for prospective parents were introduced.
  - Changes in the admissions office structure were announced, including a new full-time assistant.
- **STEM Classroom Development:**
  - Conversion of the old weight room into a STEM classroom is underway, aided by input from Georgia Tech officials and a grant application.
- **Drug Testing Initiative:**
  - Ongoing student drug testing efforts were discussed.
- **Advancement Office Success:**
  - Fundraising efforts exceeded goals, including a successful Trivia Night and a new scholarship in honor of retiring math teacher Lesley Bowman.
- **Strategic Plan Update:**
  - Over 700 surveys completed; feedback from listening sessions will guide the school's strategic direction, aiming for completion by Fall 2024.
- **Personnel Changes:**
  - Updates on retiring staff and ongoing recruitment for teaching positions were provided.
- **Tuition Increase:**
  - A tuition increase for 2024-25 was approved, attributed to rising operational costs and salary increases.
- **Cellphone Policy Revision:**
  - Discussion on a stricter cellphone policy to enhance student focus and mental health, with plans for further research and potential implementation.

**Next Steps:**

- Proposed meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year were set for October 21, December 16, March 17, and May 12.

**Archdiocesan Dates:**

- Important upcoming training and in-service dates for advisory council members were outlined.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to address identified challenges and enhance communication and engagement with the school community.