

Executive Summary of St. Pius X Catholic High School Advisory Council Meeting (March 18, 2024)

- **Attendees:** Aaron Parr, Marsha Free, Dev Maguire, Kim Wood, Mark Kelly, Sam Noyd, Andrew Leipold, Sonya Williams, John Mount, Valerie Maloof.
- **Absent:** Pat Esser, James Flanagan, Maria Miller, Richard Whitcomb.

Key Discussions:

1. **24-25 School Budget:**
 - Enrollment targets have been set.
 - Operational costs are expected to increase due to a new building. Some projects, like replacing trailers and renovating the Young Center, will be delayed.
 - Faculty salaries will be tied to local metro averages
 - Savings in reserves will help cover the costs of the new building, avoiding the need for loans.
2. **Capital Campaign:**
 - Pledges remain outstanding, and bills for the new building need to be paid. Discussions on acquiring property across Johnson Road, while property at Dresden and Shallowford is not being pursued.
3. **Strategic Planning:**
 - A new strategic planning consultant (former head of two independent Catholic schools) has been hired. Various committees have been established to focus on different aspects such as Mission & Governance, Academics, and Finance & Facilities.
 - Surveys will be distributed to school constituents to gather input, with specific focus on endowment and financial aid.
 - A grant application has been submitted for converting the old weight room into a STEM classroom.
4. **New Advisory Council Member:**
 - A long term member will roll off the council. A new member for the Advancement Committee is being sought.
5. **Office of Catholic Schools Changes:**
 - Several new positions have been created at the AoA level, including roles in accreditation, curriculum, vitality, leadership development, and Open Doors program for non-college prep students.
6. **Advisory Council Term Limits:**
 - The current term limit is three years. New members will be sought for the council, with representatives to serve on various committees.

Upcoming Dates:

- **May 13, 2024:** Next Advisory Council meeting.
- **Fall 2024 Archdiocesan Events:**
 - Advisory Council training options (Aug 24 and 28) and In-Service (Sept 28).

The meeting concluded with an optional tour of the St. Joan of Arc Field House and plans for future involvement in school initiatives.