

Executive Summary of St. Pius X Catholic High School Advisory Council Meeting - December 16, 2024

Present: Bonnie Chandler, Pat Esser, Andrew Leipold, Dev Maguire, Valerie Maloof, John Mount, Sam Noyd, Aaron Parr, Molly Wack

Absent: Mark Kelly, Maria Miller, Richard Whitcomb, Sonya Williams

The meeting began with a welcome and a prayer, followed by the approval of the October 21, 2024 minutes.

Key Highlights:

1. **Enrollment and Strategic Planning:**
 - Current enrollment reflects Catholic family integration, manageable class sizes, and financial sustainability.
 - Shadow days drew significant interest, signaling strong engagement.
 - There will be a focus on enhancing enrollment strategies and addressing competitive challenges.
2. **Financial Updates:**
 - The annual fund goal is at 84% of goal.
 - Discussions included enrollment for the following year.
 - Potential new revenue streams, such as summer camps and aftercare programs, were explored.
3. **Facilities and Daycare:**
 - The STEM lab is nearing completion.
 - The need for on-campus daycare was highlighted.
4. **Counseling and Student Support:**
 - Enhancements to college and mental health counseling services were discussed
 - The school is reducing random drug testing days, addressing administrative concerns while maintaining student health education.
5. **Event Planning and Alumni Engagement:**
 - An Athletic Hall of Fame event will celebrate 60 inductees over two calendar years, with the first event in March 2025
6. **Future Planning and Competitive Analysis:**
 - Strategic discussions emphasized the need for a revised master plan.
 - Market analysis highlighted competition from hybrid and virtual schools, with Catholic Virtual emerging as a potential response to changing educational preferences.

Closing: The meeting ended with a commitment to strategic planning and gratitude for participation, underscoring the importance of collaboration to navigate future challenges.