

Sacred Heart School Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025
6:30pm – 7:30pm
School Library

Welcome (5 minutes)

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)

- December 4, 2024
 - approved

Parish Updates (5 minutes)

- Extraordinary Ministers Training – January 12th 10:00am
- Confirmation for 7th – 12th graders started December 15th
 - Group of 40 students, great turnout.
- Catholic Schools Week – January 26th – 31st
 - Considering doing instead of Parish appreciation day we could do Parish Family appreciation day to incorporate Saint Monicas
- Fulcrum
 - Fulcrum Gala is on 1/31st, honoring the Piggot Family.

Committee Reports Questions (10 minutes)

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
- Parent's Club (Kelsey Ashe)
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)

Principal's Update / New Business (15 minutes)

School Commission 2024-25 (15 minutes)

- Discussion topics
 - Financial update
 - Feasibility study update – timeline
 - Met with Partners in Mission about the feasibility study. Had a recent visit about the general landscape of fundraising capabilities. Will do interviews in the coming months to see what can potentially be raised for the capital campaign.
 - School Commission auction item
 - Planning on doing the lunch at Browne Winery

- Field update (pending update from landscaping company)
 - David will be receiving an updated bid and plan from the landscape architects shortly. It might be a phased project. Breakdown of all this will be coming to David by Monday of next week. A decision will be made and the community will be given an update shortly.
- Fund-a-need 2025 update
 - Refurbishing of the classrooms and gym scoreboard update.
- Accreditation – Jump start 2025-2026 self-study this year
 - Next year is a self-study, writing year. Gathering information through surveys and interviews and gathering info for a report. Planning on starting next month to allow more time for a more thoughtful approach for the self study process.
- Collaboration ideas with St. Monica
 - Parish Family appreciation for Catholic Schools Week
 - Bingo Night
 - Chili Cookoff
 - Adoration
- Catholic Schools Week
- Next joint middle school dances (Sacred Heart – 2/28 & St. Monica hosted)
- Attendance at St. Monica School Commission meetings
- Catholic Identity Challenges
- State of the School address – timing & topics
- Mission Statement Discussion
 - What does it mean to be a Catholic school?
 - What does it mean to be a Catholic school with St. Monica?
- Objectives for this year
 - Family group transition
 - Partnering with St. Monica’s School Commission: Cross attendance at 2024-2025 meetings
 - January 16
 - February 27th (4th week due to Mid-Winter Break)
 - March 12 - State of the School Address
 - April 10 - (2nd week due to Holy Week)
 - May 15
 - June 12 (2nd week due to end of year)
 - Monthly St. Monica & Sacred Heart meeting (Principals, Vice Principals, PAAs, Priests)
 - Information sharing
 - Shared events
 - Middle school dances (chaperones from both schools)
 - 5th grade camp
 - Others?
 - Parish subsidy

- Catholic Identity
 - Adoration
 - Confession
 - Religion Specialist – Emily Kirwin
 - Newsletter and new challenges throughout the year
- Accreditation
 - Next year (2025-2026): Self study
 - Following year (2026-2027): Accreditation – new process
- Facilities
 - Deferred maintenance
 - Capital campaign – feasibility study proposal

Next Meeting: February 5, 2025

Committee Reports (January 8th)

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
 - Norovirus has seen a steady incline for the past month
 - Spike in RSV and Influenza within the community
 - Follow DOH (department of health) guidelines for going to school to decrease infections rates
 - It's not too late to get your flu shot!
- Parent's Club (Kelsey Ashe)
 - Scrip- Went very well this year. Mary Ciaramello and Beth Granlund were in charge of this and did a wonderful job.
 - Father/Daughter Dance- SHS Gym Friday January 24th 6-8 pm
 - Dinner, Dessert, Dancing, DJ, Western Theme
 - Staff Appreciation Lunch- Narthex,
 - January 31st
 - Soups, Salad, drinks provided by parents club and school commission
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
 - We discussed Classroom.Cloud for managing devices in the classroom. Decided against using it due to the lack of support and most parents will not want someone else having that much control over their kids' devices.
 - Considered different technology areas for funding. eSports was previously funded as a fund-a-need and is getting started. The recommendation is that the SHS team should start competing as part of the local league.
 - AI in the classroom was a general conversation thinking about when it is appropriate to use, how to identify when it is used, and considerations for data entered by students.
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
 - Catholic Schools Week is the last week of January (January 26-Feb. 1)
 - Mass January 26th at 11:00am, with the Sacred Heart Student Choir, hosted by SHS students and the Open House to follow for prospective students
 - Mass January 29th at 8:45am, hosted by 4A
 - Hannah Takemori, htakemori@sacredheart.org, the Sacred Heart and St. Monica's Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy is looking for some additional support in roles from our students
 - See January Religion Department Newsletter for more
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)
 - Nothing to report