

**Sacred Heart School Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 2, 2025**  
**6:30pm – 7:30pm**  
**School Library**

Welcome (5 minutes)

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)

- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025

Parish Updates (5 minutes)

- Young Adults – Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm
- Bible Study – Tuesdays 8:30-10:00am
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 6:30pm
  - SHS leading April 4th

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)

- NSBECS Standards
  - Defining Characteristics (April)
    - Centered in the Person of Jesus Christ
    - Contributing to the Evangelizing Mission of the Church
    - Distinguished by Excellence
    - Committed to Educate the Whole Child
    - Steeped in a Catholic Worldview
    - Sustained by Gospel Witness
    - Shaped by Communion and Community
    - Accessible to All Students
    - Established by the Express Authority of the Bishop
  - Mission and Catholic Identity (April)
  - Academic Excellence (May)
  - Governance and Leadership (June)
  - Operational Vitality (September)
- New Protocols (May – Erica)

## School Commission 2024-25 (15 minutes)

- Discussion topics
  - Financial update
  - Field update
  - Scoreboard update
  - Joint middle school dances
  - Attendance at St. Monica School Commission meetings
  - Feasibility study update
  - Accreditation – Jump start 2025-2026 self-study this year
  - Collaboration ideas with St. Monica
    - Bingo Night
    - Chili Cookoff
    - Adoration
  - 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
      - April 10 - (2nd week due to Holy Week)
      - May 15
      - June 12 (2nd week due to end of year)
    - Information sharing
    - Shared events
  - 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

Next Meeting: May 7<sup>th</sup>

## Committee Reports (April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
  - Ann Marie is working through all of the DC stuff for kids
  - Viruses are unchanged in the community and \*maybe\* starting to slow (public school spring breaks will help with this)
  - Another measles case in the community. Reportedly from Anne-Marie with the vaccination status of our school, this isn't an issue
  - Follow DOH (department of health) guidelines for going to school to decrease infections rates
- Parent's Club (Kelsey Ashe)
  - **Bingo Night**
    - Parent Volunteers in charge of the event are Adriana Baiz and Henry Ipince
    - Friday, May 9th in the SHS gym from 6:30-8 pm
    - Food, drinks, dessert will be provided
    - Cost is \$10 per person
    - Grandparents and Grandfriends are encouraged to come because it will be held on the same day as Grandparents day
    - Link for registration will go out in FTH this Friday.
  - **Distinguished Teacher and Staff Awards**
    - Will be awarded at Mass on 5/9/25
    - Survey will go out in FTH this Friday.
    - Committee is currently being formed with members of Sacred Heart School and Church Community that will be judges.
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
  - For summer BYOD advice we also discussed ways to have the kids not sit in front of their screens all summer. This included if there were any competitions, possible movie night, or activities for kids to work on their motor skills.
  - Science and Technology Week is close to having speakers confirmed for all grades. Draft of the schedule is located here.
  - Reviewed the device recommendations for next year. There are 4 SKUs with changing ports support for headphones, headphones, etc. We were discussing if there could be less reliance on the devices but textbooks are increasingly digital. Writing on paper vs. device was also a topic where we need to learn more about how much of priority is it for teachers.
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
  - For the Archdiocese of Seattle, the year 2025 is doubly blessed. It's a Jubilee year for the Church throughout the world; it's also the 175th anniversary of our diocese, established on May 31, 1850. There is special Mass and celebration that will include all the bishops and priests from the area:

[May 31 at 11:00am | Solemn Celebration at St. James Cathedral, Seattle](#)

Details about the Jubilee Year: <https://archseattle.org/the-catholic-faith/jubilee2025/>

As part of the celebration, the Archbishop has asked for a **Season of Service**. All services performed by students, parents, and volunteers from Catholic Schools Week through May 1st. The goal is 175,000 hours and all schools participating.

Here is the form to record the service:

<https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4227/responses/new>

- [Partners in the Gospel Newsletter](#)
- Religion Newsletter- Rich with updates and recipes
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)
  - Nothing to report