

**Sacred Heart School Commission**  
**Meeting Agenda and Minutes**  
**March 12, 2025**  
**6:30pm – 7:30pm**  
**School Library**

Welcome (5 minutes)

Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Approval of Minutes (5 minutes)

- February 12, 2025

Parish Updates (5 minutes)

- New Carpeting in the Narthex- *looks very nice*
- Bible Study – Tuesdays 8:30-10:00am- *Great turn out, large group of 15 or so women.*
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 6:30pm- *All of the slots our filled for each Friday. Mr. Bozzo will send link for signup help on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April or 28<sup>th</sup> of March.*
- Lenten Penance Services
  - St. Monica – Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am
  - Sacred Heart – Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- Passing of Deacon Pickett on March 5<sup>th</sup>
- *Middle School Youth Minister, New hire from St. Mary Magdalen- It has been difficult to find a youth minister and keep one.*

Committee Reports Questions (10 minutes)

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)- *Measles increase in the news. Our community is not of concern due to our level of immunizations.*
- Parent's Club (Kelsey Ashe)
- Technology (Orville McDonald)
- Catholic Identity (Kelly Surapaneni)
- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)

Principal's Update / New Business (15 minutes)

- *Volunteer work during the staff service day:*
  - *Treehouse was phenomenal. They have developed a wonderful program of resources for kids up to the age of 23.*
  - *Jubilee Reach – Tutoring, pregnancy support, English support, tax prep, food*
  - *Jubilee Reach – Thrift store*

- *Auction had a banner year of 1,012,000. Fund a need was filled. Teachers are very excited about the tech upgrades and cubbies for classrooms. Replacing the blinds in Pre-K.*
- *Jog-a-thon date moved back. Using a new company to do the back end and keep track of the donations. School volunteers will be managing more of a majority. The jog-a-thon will be held in the parking lot.*
- *Parking lots will hopefully be resurfaced this summer which will improve play surfaces for children as well.*
- *Nancy S. has been very successful with e-cycling of devices. Approx 75 different families have dropped off old and used tech equipment.*
- *Curriculum development for staff in San Antonio, Spear in Washington DC- Civics discourse training, Notre Dame for inclusive education.*
- *All webinars for teachers*  
*Anger Issue or Behavioral Management webinar for teachers*

#### School Commission 2024-25 (15 minutes)

- Discussion topics
  - Field update- Field update- Will be starting this summer or potentially even before. Waiting for contracts/agreements to be signed. Completion will most likely be after fall soccer season.
  - Joint middle school dances (Sacred Heart – 2/28 & St. Monica hosted TBD)
  - Attendance at St. Monica School Commission meetings
  - Financial update- *Still in the black.*
  - 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)
    - Monthly St. Monica & Sacred Heart meeting (Principals, Vice Principals, PAAs, Priests)
    - Information sharing
    - Shared events

- Middle school dances (chaperones from both schools)  
Sacred Heart will host 2 dances next year and St. Monica will host 2 events. This last middle school dance was successful.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 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: April 10<sup>th</sup>

## Committee Reports (March 12<sup>th</sup>)

- Health & Safety (Kelly Bach)
  - High prevalence of Flu A – Atypical symptoms include fever a mix of fever and no fever, headaches, and body aches. Keep kids home if they feel “off”
  - Follow DOH (department of health) guidelines for going to school to decrease infections rates
- Parent’s Club (Kelsey Ashe)
  - Bingo night – changed back to original date of 5/9
  - Distinguished Teacher and Staff Awards – Eligibility list updated. Next steps will be to send out survey and form a committee to help choose the winners.
- 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 will include all the bishops and priests from the area:

[March 1 at 11:00am | Immaculate Conception, Mount Vernon](#)  
[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 service performed by students, parents, 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>

- Legal (Katherine Goodrich)
  - Nothing to report