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Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz, Pastor
Fr. Craig Loecker, Pastor
Katy Chattin, Principal
Michaela Smith, Director of Operations

School Board Minutes – November 18, 2025

Submitted by Susan Prouxl-Herron

Attendees – Fr. Loecker, Fr. Tomasiewicz, Katy Chattin, Michaela Smith, Sigrid Moylan, Susan Proulx-Herron, Drew Becerra, Sarah Crotzer, Ali De Bruhl, Howie Edwards, Charlie Holcomb, Colette Martin, Timothy Sutton, Keith Williamson

Absent – Chris Johnson and Desiree Nownes

Call to Order and Introductions

- Meeting began with a Prayer offered by Fr. Craig

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Keith Williamson; second by Charlie Holcomb. Minutes for the October, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report (Ali De Bruhl)

Fundraising and Events:

- 11/19 Qdoba restaurant night
- Dec 2nd is Giving Tuesday
- Posters from musicals to be sold to raise money for music/drama productions
- 1/30 – Distinguished Alumni – Paul Martin during Catholic School Week
- 11/25 @ 2:30 Pep rally – Looking for alum for volleyball
- Annual Fund – 11/17 mailing
- BOLD 2025 Fundraiser was very successful!
    - Most tickets ever sold – 375
    - GIVE raise the paddle was huge – moving forward with central A/C in the school gym and specials classrooms

Marketing and Recruitment:

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- Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup is Saturday, January 24, 2026 – spread the word!
- K-8 enrollment as of 10/31/25 is 606

Education Committee Report (Sarah Crotzer)

- No report - the Education Committee did not meet in October

Finance Committee Report (Charlie Holcomb)

- Discussed families struggling
- Breakfast program and community support is helping
- Expense and revenue
- Enrollment of 606 vs budgeted 612
- Outstanding tuition is down compared to last year at this time; improvement in tuition payments
- Looked at evaluation of teacher salaries and tuition price from Archdiocesan schools that chose to report data. SPSL was in the middle for both.
- Discussed options for further support/raises for teachers
- Discussed tuition increases for 26-27
- Goal of 40% of school cost covered by tuition

Principal's Report (Katy Chattin)

- Catholic Identity
  - Jen Martinez going to step in for liturgist during her maternity leave
  - Great turn out for Family Mass on Sunday at St. Leo's
- Academic Excellence
  - This year, data indicates that parent participation in parent/teacher conferences went down as the student grade level goes up
  - SPSL to communicate to parents that SPSL email is the way to contact teachers rather than Blackbaud emails.
    - Investigate can Blackbaud emails be forwarded to SPSL email?
  - Ideas for Middle school conferences:
    - Student-led conferences for middle school

- Each student fills out a form about how they are doing in a class and creates a packet of work to share with their parent about each class they take.
- Each form has a spot for teacher comments
- Students and parents meet with one teacher (I would suggest homeroom) who helps the student "lead the conference" and tell their parents about each individual class. Teacher should have information about any major concerns from specific teachers about said student.
- Parents only meet with 1 teacher or if you want, you can set up to where multiple teachers stop by.
- Students tend to be pretty honest in Proulx-Herron's experience and even say more than the teacher may have at times

▪ Appointments – ask about system like synergy (which Millard uses) or Pickatime (which Duchesne uses)
- https://pickatime.com/home/schoolpricing

o SPSL plans to bring back Progress reports for grades 5-8

- Cultural Diversity
  - o Catholic Social Teaching – Triangle where teachers know themselves, know their students, and know their subject matter
- Service to Others
  - o Annual Food Drive – filling parish pantries
  - o Specific asks to fill our pantries

Operations Report (Michaela Smith)

- Finances
  - o Current year budget is in line
  - o Working on budgeting for the 2026-27 school year
  - o Focused on teacher compensation – 83% of budget is teacher and staff compensation
  - o Parish Support
    - ▪ Parish support from St. Leo's has been steady and increasing year over year

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        - Parish support from St. Pius has decreased sharply. With this, the overall parish support piece of the school budget has decreased to 29%
    - 40% of the school budget is comprised of parent paid tuition
    - Remainder of budget made up of fundraising
- Facilities
    - Lighting repair/upgrade paid for by fundraising and grants
    - Fixing the fence on 69th which was damaged
- Fundraising
    - BOLD Fundraiser
        - 375 tickets sold to the event
        - Net income is over $215,000 – record high!
        - $52,000 raised for the GIVE for HVAC system in the gym and music/art classroom
            - Lavigne matching grant has been met ($200k) with check presentation scheduled for 11/25
            - Begin project June 1st and finish this summer
    - Annual Fund
        - Fundraising appeal to alums and parents of alum
        - Sent and should arrive before Thanksgiving

New/Old Business (Sigrid Moylan)

- 25-26 Staff Survey
    - Principal and Fr. Mark Response – Positive overall
        - Change the groupings and update some wording next year
    - May need a School Board volunteer to help administer the SB surveys next year
- Christmas Party (Susan Proulx-Herron)
    - Switching to catered from Mangia rather than all soup
    - Need more volunteers to serve/clean up
    - Accepting monetary donations for the lunch and gift cards

Closing Prayer

- Meeting concluded with a prayer offered by Fr. Mark

Meeting was adjourned