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

School Board Minutes – January 20, 2026
Submitted by Desiree Nownes

Attendees –Fr. Tomasiewicz, Katy Chattin, Michaela Smith, Sigrid Moylan, Sarah Crotzer, Ali De Bruhl, Howie Edwards, Charlie Holcomb, Colette Martin, Keith Williamson, Chris Johnson, Desiree Nownes

Absent – Timothy Sutton, Susan Proulx-Herron, Drew Becerra, Fr. Loecker

Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting began with a Prayer offered by Fr. Mark Tomasiewicz

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Keith Williamson; second by Chris Johnson.
    - Minutes for the November, 2025 meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report (Ali De Bruhl)

Fundraising and Events:

- Record attendance and record fundraising – BOLD 25.
    - After the restricted funds are allocated to the GIVE for Gym HVAC, to the Tuition Raffle Winner and the Teacher Wishlist, the remainder of funds are allocated according to percentages determined by the School Board. Percentages are reviewed regularly.
- BOLD 26' – October 24, 2026 and will be chaired by Schmidts, Edwards, Patch
- Annual fund – 31K raised as of December Dev Comm meeting
- Giving Tuesday – December 2 = raised approx. $6,800
- SPSL applied for the Roy and Gloria Dinsdale Grant

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Marketing and Recruitment:

- Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup is Saturday, January 24, 2026
    - Yard signs – available
- K-8 enrollment as of 605 students
- Added Billboards on Cass and Blondo and keeping Leo's bus bench

Education Committee Report (Sarah Crotzer)

- Star Testing and 3rd grade proficiency test - during January, 2026
- 8th graders took Entrance Exams at Catholic high schools
- Catholic Schools Week – Jan. 25-31
    - Sunday, Jan. 25th – All the grades family mass
        - 9:30 am at SPX
        - 5:30 pm at Leo's
    - School Masses – Parents are Invited
        - Tuesday, Jan. 27--St. Pius X at 8:45 am—Last Names A-L with Donuts after Mass with Parents in the cafeteria
        - Wednesday, Jan. 28—St. Leo's at 9:00 am—Last Names M-Z with Donuts after Mass with parents in the parish center
- Education Committee recommended approval of the Parent Involvement Policy and sent to the School Board
- Save the date for Restaurant night on Tuesday, January 27 (5-9pm) at Jason's Deli on 70th and Dodge

Finance Committee Report (Charlie Holcomb)

- Working on recommendations for the 26-27 school budget
    - K-8 Enrollment Projection for next year is 605
    - Considering tuition increase of 3-4%
    - SPX has shared what its institutional support for next year will be; awaiting info from St. Leo's
- 25-26 Financials as of 12/31/25
    - Expenses and Revenue are in line with the budget
    - K-8: Two Students moved out of state over Christmas break, one enrolled
    - Examining teacher pay scale adjustments
    - Board of Trustees will meet Thursday, January 29 to determine draw downs for the year

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- The Archbishop came to visit SPSL today – Jan. 20th – to record his Catholic Schools Week video message

Principal's Report (Katy Chattin)

- Star testing and 3rd-grade proficiency testing
    - Testing results will be available at spring conferences, not sent home with report cards but parents can ask for them before conferences
    - 8th grade – took entrance tests on Jan. 11
- Catholic Schools Week Activiites were discussed
- Nebraska Department of Ed – Compliance Check – go over everything this spring
- Strategic Plan – working on this with the NDE and School Board in the next couple of months
- NEW: 8th graders have the privilege to use a microwave during lunch
- Substantial majority of teachers are returning for 26-27 and interviews for needed replacements are starting.

Director of Operations Report (Michaela Smith)

- Finances
    - 50% through the school year– in line with expenses and revenue
    - Support from parishes current and appreciated
    - 60% of tuition has already been collected; some families pay in full in August
    - Budgeting for 26-27
        - Parent paid tuition to keep around 40% of budget
        - K-8 – budget – 605 is the budget for next year
        - 78 8th graders graduating in May 2026
    - Board of Trustees manages the School Endowments – they will determine distributions that impact the 26-27 budget
        - Operating Budget
        - Tuition assistance
    - Recommendations for the 26-27 budget will be discussed in Feb and the budget will be finalized and approved
        - Teacher contracts will be sent out Feb 20 with a return date of March 15
        - Tuition contracts out to families by Feb. 27th with a return date of March 27

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- Facilities
    - Updates were made to the fire system over Christmas break
    - The roof over the kindergarten and counseling will need to be replaced

- Fundraising
    - Enrollment is our biggest fundraiser – word of mouth
    - 22nd Annual Golf Classic – May 18th at Field Club
    - Race for Education – May 8th
    - 70th Year Anniversary Events:
        - 2026 – 70th graduating class
        - All School Mass with Archbishop Presiding – April 30th (Mission Day)
        - All School picture – April 14 followed by Student Partner treat
        - 70th year Bookmarks handed out
        - 70 acts of kindness
        - T-shirts for the students

New/Old Business (Sigrid Moylan)

- SPSL Parent Involvement Policy
    - Approved by the School Board and will be added to the handbook
- 2026-2027 School Calendar was reviewed
- Parish/School/Archdiocese Meeting
    - Representatives from the Archdiocese, the School, School Board representatives, and members of the finance committee
    - Aligned on how we partner moving forward
        - Working on increased communication and sharing good news
        - A member of each Parish finance committee will join the SPSL School Board Finance Committee
        - Strategic Planning
- Christmas Party Feedback
    - Soups, salads v. Mangia Italiana
        - Operational perspective – went well
        - Catering – all in one and facilitated itself well
            - Not too much left over
        - Feedback – all positive
        - Generous families – kindness and support

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Closing Prayer

- The meeting concluded with a prayer offered by Fr. Mark

The meeting was adjourned