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

School Board Minutes – February 17, 2026
Submitted by Desiree Nownes

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

Absent –Ali De Bruhl, Charlie Holcomb, Chris Johnson

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 Colette Martin.
    - Minutes for the January 2026 meeting were approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report (Keith Williamson)
Calendar

- Soda Bread
- Student-led Mass
- February 19 – noon dismissal
- February 20 – NO school

Fundraising and Events:

- Annual fund – 54K raised to date
    - Giving Tuesday on December 2 raised $6,800
    - Tuition assistance – Valentine's cards are being sent to donors
- Bridge the Gap – difference between tuition price and the actual cost
    - Appeal to families
        - Gift to cost of attendance

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- Race for Education
    - New logo has been created
    - Labels will collected February 23-March 6
- Golf Classic – May 18th at Field Club
    - 36 golfers are already signed up
    - Sponsors are being contacts
    - New - Scavenger Hunt on the fairways
- Bold 26 – 70th anniversary
    - Considering Live Auction

Marketing and Recruitment:

- The Pre-K and Kindergarten Roundup date in Jan. was attended well
    - Have applications for each group – Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1-8
- Budgeted enrollment for K-8 is 605 students
    - A large class graduating in May
    - Replacing that amount may be difficult
- Recruitment
    - St. John's – Creighton
    - Boys Town
    - St. Mary Magdalene
- Daycares around town
- Community grant fund
    - ESL – Due March 1st
        - Received different amounts each year
- Restaurant night – Feb. – Panda Express

Education Committee Report (Sarah Crotzer)

- Cafeteria Volunteers
    - Sent out to parents
- Home and School Association
    - Umbrella of programs, events, and focus
        - Faith
        - Community Building
        - School Support

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Finance Committee Report (Charlie Holcomb)

- Added Justin Frauendorfer and Dave Weist to represent the parishes on the school finance committee
- Year to date
    - Expenses – tracking and will break even
    - Revenue – on track
    - Cafeteria operating at loss due to cost of food. Loss is covered by other budgets.
    - Health insurance – significantly increased 400K for the yearly budget
        - Experienced throughout the Archdioceses – not specific to Pius Leo claims
- School Budget
    - Discussed the FY26-27 budget iterations and revenue sources (parent paid tuition, fundraising, parish support). Discussed enrollment and endowments.
    - Susan Proulx Herron motioned to approve the recommended K-8 budget for 26-27, and Keith Williamson seconded the motion. Budget was unanimously approved with a tuition rate of $4,275/student and a teacher increase of 3.7% base + step.

Principal's Report (Katy Chattin)

- 8th grade Scholarship winners – 18% received a scholarship
    - Test prep was amazing with 80% of 8th grade students took the class
- Star Testing scores
        - The benchmark has been raised to 65% proficient
        - A 15-minute test is given three times a year
            - This is not the only marker of student success
- 3rdgrade proficiency test
    - Working with students who need to increase scores
- Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
    - Optional if requested by teacher or parent
    - Progress Reports are being sent home

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Operations Report (Michaela Smith)

- Finances
  - Budget focused
  - Tasks for the school
    - Teacher contracts – Friday, Feb. 20th
    - Teacher retention is great for 27-28 with only a few departing
  - Family Tuition contracts
    - Issued Feb 27
    - Due March 27
  - Tuition collection is at 98%
  - Children Scholarship Fund – Working with families to complete the application for 26-27
- Enrollment 26-27
  - Pre-K
    - Waitlist in 4-year-old half-day
    - Capacity for 35 total students in 4yo all day – 31 admitted to date
    - 3-year-old – half day, 9 of 15 have been admitted
  - Kindergarten – 56 applications to date
  - 1-8 – enrolling on a rolling basis – 47 inquiries and 24 applicants for 26-27
  - Receiving many inquiries from St. Bernards
- Facilities
  - Facilities refresh of stucco building donated by friend of school
    Announce in the newsletter
- Fundraising
  - Sign up geniuses for the Golf Classic – volunteers and donations needed

New/Old Business (Sigrid Moylan)

- Teacher Exit Interviews
  - Person with an HR background to interview - 15 to 20 minutes for teachers
- Parent Survey
  - The School Board sends it out
  - Send out the 2026 survey after Spring Break

Closing Prayer

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

The meeting was adjourned