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

School Board Minutes – March 24, 2026
Submitted by Desiree Nownes

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

Absent –Ali De Bruhl, Sarah Crotzer

Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting began with a Prayer offered by Fr. Craig Loecker

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve Feb 2026 minutes by Keith Williamson; second by Drew Becerra.
    - Minutes for the February 2026 meeting were approved with minor change.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report (Keith Williamson)

Calendar/Fundraising/Events

- Family Mass at St. Leo's was well attended
- Upcoming events
    - March 26 – 1 and 3rd musical performance
    - April 1 - Pep Rally
    - April 13-17 – Book fair
    - April 14 – All school picture for 70th anniversary
    - April 15 – Grandparents Mass for K-2
    - April 30 – All-school Mass – Archbishop McGovern presiding
    - August 22nd – Dundee parade
- Yard sign distribution

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- BOLD 2026- Planning has begun to celebrate and support SPSL in our 70th year. Costumes will be a part of the evening. Save the date for 10/24/26 – no Husker football conflict!
- Golf 2026 – May 18 at Field Club. Registration almost full.
    - Volunteers and donations needed

Marketing and Recruitment:

- On target for budgeted enrollment for 26-27
- Increase in interest from new families particularly from St. Bernards

Education Committee Report (Howie Edwards)

- Mrs. Chattin – Spending the day on the roof as the school-wide prize for Race for Education label collection
    - 6th Science egg drop project– surviving eggs from the stairwell drop will get theirs dropped from the roof!
- Technology survey to parents

Finance Committee Report (Charlie Holcomb)

- Year to date – in line with budget
- Revenue and parish support are current
- K-8 – tuition collections looking good
- School Budget
    - Arch Schools - Tuition Price Comparison
        - Summary of other school tuition provided by St. Gerald's
    - Enrollment expected to remain stable
    - Karen contracts going out in April
        - Education Partner Program – allows donors to help families that cannot pay tuition at the same rate as other families
    - Transfers into K-8
        - Uptick in interest in the last couple of weeks
        - Making up the difference to stay at 605 total student count

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Principal's Report (Katy Chattin)

- Accreditation – Spent some time at St. Roberts looking at the school and seeing what they have
    - Proud of SPSL – Diverse community
    - SPSL Accreditation will be in March 2027 – School Board will meet with them
- Compliance check – SPSL did well
    - A few minor additions needed to the Handbook
    - School improvement plan
- Fully hired for 26-27 except for Spanish
- Testing
    - Star testing continued in the Spring
    - 3rd Grade Proficiency Testing
- Teacher Conferences
    - SNOW DAY!
    - Mid-quarter reports
    - Teacher follow-up – asked to contact families
- 8th Grade Graduation - Information will be sent out soon

Operations Report (Michaela Smith)

- Parent deaths
    - Proud of how SPSL community is supporting families
    - 3 deaths this year
    - Counseling available
- Finances
    - Living in two fiscal years
        - Continued support from parishes, donors, and families has been steady and is appreciated
    - Tuition contracts
        - Deadline to sign and pay reg fee is March 27th
        - Return rate is good and on track
    - 26-27 Budgets will be finalized by May 1 for:
        - Extended Care
        - Pre K
        - Cafeteria

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- Facilities
    - Car accident – working with the insurance companies and Lund Ross on claim and repair
    - Drexel Mechanical – HVAC for the gym
        - Work expected to begin June 1st
    - JR Roofing – Kindergarten roof
        - Work expected to begin as soon as school dismisses for summer
- Fundraising
    - Theme for Bold 26
        - Costume reveal – 60's sock hop
    - Allocation of Fundraiser monies
        - 5 categories – capital improvements, tech/ed resources, teacher support, operating budget, endowment trust fund
        - Fr. Mark and the School Board recommended SPSL consider increasing the percentage of BOLD funds that go toward the school operating budget – will discuss again in April
    - April 21st – 6:30 pm Last SPSL School Board Meeting
        - RSVP – dietary needs, numbers
        - Mangia Italiana

New/Old Business (Sigrid Moylan)

- School Board Members rolling off at the end of this school year (Chris Johnson, Desiree Nownes)
    - Need a Secretary to take minutes for 26-27
- Parent and Family Survey 2026
- Spring Parent Survey
    - Include serving on School Board (with description of role) along with Education Committee
    - Exit interviews for departing teachers
    - Technology survey
        - To be sent by Mrs. Chattin

Closing Prayer

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

The meeting was adjourned