ST. PIUS X/ST. LEO SCHOOL

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Fr. Richard Reiser, Interim Administrator of St. Pius X
Fr. Craig Loecker, Pastor of St. Leo the Great
Katy Chattin, Principal
Michaela Smith, Director of Operations

School Board Minutes – September 15, 2026
Submitted by Laura Kinney

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

Absent – None

Call to Order and Introductions

- The meeting began at approximately 7:00 PM with a prayer offered by Fr. Craig Loecker
- Board members introduced themselves for the first meeting of the 2026–27 school year

Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the April 2026 minutes was made, seconded, and carried. Minutes approved.

Committee Reports

Development Committee Report (Ali De Bruhl)
Enrollment and Recruitment

- Current K-8 enrollment is 596 students
    - Fifth, sixth, and eighth grades are full, with room for growth primarily in kindergarten
- Recruitment remains active, including summer inquiries and tours
- Welcoming and integrating new families through orientation events, ambassadors, and community activities

Fundraising/Events

- Fundraising is 26.72% of the 26-27 school budget
    - Education Partners Program, Annual Fund, Race for Education, Bridge the Gap, Golf Tournament, and BOLD
- Lead the Way Campaign – supports capital improvements and other initiatives that fall outside the school budget
- Golf 2026 – sold out at 104 golfers; approximately $27,000 net
- BOLD 2026 – Panthers Go Platinum will celebrate the school's 70th anniversary
- GIVE 2026 – raising funds to add water bottle filling stations and improved water filtration throughout the school

Education Committee Report (Sarah Crotzer)

- Staffing – New staff and teacher assistants were welcomed; full resource staff supporting students in reading and math
- Professional development – work on Catholic Social Teaching and Professional Learning Communities
- Accreditation – SPSL is entering an accreditation year and will continue work on its school improvement plan and vision statement
- Technology approach discussed. Overall, the Ed committee expressed support for the more intentional approach to tech in the classroom
- Early dismissal days at the start of the school year were discussed. Ed Committee consensus was that the early dismissal days remain reasonable as transition and professional development time, provided dates are communicated well in advance in the school calendar
- Open House potential improvements were discussed.

Finance Committee Report (Charlie Holcomb)

- 2025-26 year-end – closed budget without issue
- 2026-27 budget was reviewed
- Endowment – income, distributions, and related policies discussed
- Health insurance for this AY is lower cost than budgeted
- Enrollment reviewed
- Personnel costs currently below budget due to staff changes

Principal's Report (Katy Chattin)

- New hires for 2026–27
- Full resource staff in place for reading and math
- Professional development to date reviewed
- Accreditation year – working on the school improvement plan and vision statement

Director of Operations Report (Michaela Smith)

- Finances
    - Operating budget revenue comes from parish support, tuition paid by parents, and fundraising
    - Insurance claims – update provided to the Board
- Facilities
    - Summer projects completed: central air in the gym and specials classrooms; new fencing in the east lot and lower south lot; new SPSL School sign by the east cafeteria entrance
    - Weather and safety drills are underway
    - Additional Motorola radios purchased for communication and safety
- Cafeteria
    - Received a perfect score on the health department inspection
    - Preparing for the state audit in the spring
- Strategic Planning
    - Strategic planning sessions with the school and both parishes begin next week

Closing Prayer

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.