

Executive School Board Meeting

April 8, 2025

Opening prayer: Father Adam

Attendance: Father Adam, Father Isaiah, Jerry Van Dyke, Jeremy Peterson, Laura Smith, Lisa Leach, Mike Sweeney

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for February meeting will be approved at May 6th meeting

Pastors Report: We have had a full season of lent and are now preparing for Holy Week. We are continuing to bring four parishes together. We need to continue with our message of Evangelizing. We need to be asking the question if we are doing enough and continue to bring it up in all leadership outreaches. Asking how do we evangelize? We must not miss this opportunity in our school. We must proclaim the Gospel to our students. Do the students have an understanding specifically where this is happening in our school. We must pray and contemplate how we can engage in this work. This is What the Catholic school is all about! Also, we must investigate how we can have a more symbolic activity with Homeschooled parents and children. We must find connections with Our Spirituality committee or an off shoot of that committee.

Financial report: Mike Sweeney, newly hired Business Manager, was introduced to us.

Tuition is on schedule. Mike discussed budget saying we are in a good position.

Principal's Report: Jerry mentioned we have a few families moving out of the district next year. Lisa Hafstad, Pre-K Aide, will be retiring. There will be a few summer projects (already approved), happening outside the school. Masonry work, sealing the parking lot and excavating as well as new playground chips. New service opportunities are cemetery clean up and serving meals at Benjamin House. Students will continue to serve meals at St. Vincent de Paul's. Looking into less highly processed foods for School lunch menu.

Advancement/Marketing Update: Week of Giving is May 5-9th (teacher appreciation week) secured a \$10,000 match for the week. This will be primarily for playground, parking lot and landscaping. Spartan Spotlight in June will feature Graduates. Website redesign goes live April 18th. Branding update unveiled to SJS families during Holy Week.

Next meeting: May 6, 2025, at 4:30

Closing Prayer: Father Adam