

St. Joseph School Executive Board Meeting Minutes

9-9-25

Opening Prayer:

Led by Father Adam Laski

Attendance:

Fr. Adam Laski, Jerry Van Dyke, Jeremy "Pete" Peterson, Fr. Isiah Schick, Lisa Leach, Mike Sweeney, Laura Smith

Minutes: May 2025 meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Pete and seconded by Jerry.

Pastor Report:

Father Adam reflected on the need for maintenance of mission that the school and parish be connected through their Catholic Identity. Ways how evangelization and maintenance of this focus was occurring outside of the school to Rice Lake High School and beyond. Ways were discussed to continue connecting with college students as they left home in ways that can help keep them connected to the church and their spiritual growth.

Financial Report:

Mike Sweeney discussed how the projected budget had a negative likelihood. This likely is related to rising costs of needed items as well as the push to increase teacher salaries to 80% of the local public schools. Discussion of possibly using the endowment interest to offset this was a possibility this year.

Principal's Report:

- **Enrollment Update:** Jerry informed that enrollment was at 187.
- **Staffing Update:** With the passing of Sister Claudine, the Audettes were now teaching religions classes.
- The school received the 2 Eagles Grant again to continue to support tuition costs for staff families and for families who could not support it.
- **Safety Drills:** With the recent shooting in the Minneapolis area, Jerry confirmed to the board that classrooms and the school itself is locked during the school day.
- **School Lunch Program:** The lunch program has been implementing more fresh fruit daily as well as limiting Chocolate Milk to Salad Bars. Some discussion of why the salad bar service did not start until October
- **Tuition for the 2026-27 Year:** Discussion of raising tuition \$200 per year was discussed.

Marketing/PR Report: Jerry presented an Advancement Report discussing the November 1st, 2025 Gala.

Next Meeting Date: October 14th, 2025

Closing Prayer: This was led by Fr. Isiah

Adjournment: