

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Time: 6pm – 7:00pm

Location: Priest Sacristy – St. Benedict Catholic Church

Voting Board Members:

Marianne Biegler (MB), President, Chair
Cindy Casaus (CC), Vice President (excused)
Chad Stallings (CS) (excused)
Erin Gonzales (EG)
John Naset (JN) (excused)
Laura Underwood (LU)
Marc Rivas (MR)
Maryola Fabilena (MF)
Moti Salloum (MS)

Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:

Fr. James Aboyi (JA), Pastoral Administrator
Jamie Bescak (JB), Principal, Administrative Officer
Rachel Barone (RB), Faculty Representative (Excused)
Hogan Macdonald, STREAM Teacher/IT Director
Marilyn Johnston (MJ) Parish Council Representative
Krissy Bileski (KB) Preschool Director (Excused)

Opening Prayer & Reflection

Opening prayer given by MB

Roll Call

Roll call by Acting Secretary Laura Underwood.
6 voting members present. Quorum established.

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 pm by President, Marianne Biegler.

Parish Assignments

We have masses at other parishes covered between all board members to promote our Open House during Catholic Schools Week.

School Board In Service Suggestions

- Moving to the next generation of Science
- How Schools Help/Build Community
- How School Advisory Board Can Support the School (FAQ) Share Ideas of what happens at other schools
- Building an alumni program/support in elementary schools
- How to retain people on PTO
- How to engage parents in volunteer opportunities/incentivize
- How can parents support teachers

Principal's Report

- Enrollment: 62 new applications for 25/26 school year. 3s class will be full, prek full, kinder waitlist. 100 students have not re enrolled - reenrollment looks great
- 21 families attending Open House so far. Board Members to attend to give tours
- **Confirmed Tours: Marc, Moti, Maryola, Marianne, Laura**
- Thanks for getting flyers for Best of Ahwatukee voting. Sign up for handing out flyers in am and pm
- Tardys - 767 unexcused for trimester - over 1000 for school year. An idea to turn this around is to charge families after a certain amount of tardies. Ideas to incentivise families to get kids to school on time.
- Teri is building an alumni contact list to start a database. Alumni newsletter will go out quarterly from Mrs Bescak.
- Accreditation Update - Curriculum map for every subject goal by 2028. Mrs Bescak will be off campus for the accreditation team at St Francis Xavier very soon.
- SJB will be hosting an elementary principal meeting in March 20th - 1st meeting at our campus
- Continuing to work on 5 year tech and facility plan - hope to be done with this by summer
- Letter of Intent have been sent out to all teachers and IA's.
- Ms Whitlow is continuing treatment and Mrs Bescak speaks with her weekly - art teacher position is posted
- Prelim calendar for 25/26 school year will be posted in the next Bite

Pastor's Report (JA)

- New parish manager started in December and doing great
- Potential large donation coming to SJB
- First Holy Communion/Confirmation set for April 26 - about 90 kids
- Spanish mass starts Feb 9th at 1pm and will take place weekly - if it works after 1 year we will continue
- Porters of St Joseph now cover the school mass and we are so happy to have them.
- Fr James will be on vacation until Feb 8th

Closing Prayer

Closing prayer given by Fr James.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by MB at 7:45pm.