

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Time: 6pm – 7:30pm

Location: Priest Sacristy – St. Benedict Catholic Church

Voting Board Members:

Marianne Biegler (MB), President, Chair (present)
Cindy Casaus (CC), Vice President (present)
Chad Stallings (CS) (present)
Erin Gonzales (EG) (present)
John Naset (JN) (present)
Laura Underwood (LU) (present)
Marc Rivas (MR) (present)
Maryola Fabilena (MF) (present)
Moti Salloum (MS) (present)
Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:
Fr. James Aboyi (JA), Pastoral Administrator (present)
Jamie Bescak (JB), Principal, Administrative Officer (present)
Rachel Barone (RB), Faculty Representative (present)
Hogan Macdonald, STREAM Teacher/IT Director (excused)
Marilyn Johnston (MJ) Parish Council Representative (present)
Krissy Bileski (KB) Preschool Director (present)

Opening Prayer & Reflection

Opening prayer given by MB

Roll Call

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

Call to Order & Welcome

Meeting Called to Order at 6:08 pm by President, Marianne Biegler.

Board Elections

- It is time for applicants to apply for board positions. At least 2 members are leaving due to max time limit (2 consecutive terms)

Preschool Update (KB)

- Open house went great! Retained all 3s. Pre K is almost full. Everyone came back for private tour.
- Fondation that made donation to preschool last year will donate again this year. Adding misting system and nice play additions.

Principal's Report

- Enrollment: Full K, 1st, 2nd
- 3rd-8th - still accepting applications
- Strategic Plan Update:
 - Academics - ELA curriculum maps almost done in all grade levels. Math will be

the next subject to finish by the end of this school year.

- Multicultural Education - focus more on world cultural day and multicultural day at the end of the year. Next week is the 1st school geography bee.
- JB working on Title 1 funds with Kyrene and able to offer more tutoring for certain students
- Increase in MAP/DIBEL scores from fall
- Technology - Mr Macdonald will be working with a group of parents/board/staff to discuss
- Facilities - Mr Macdonald has a good draft from sub committees and will work with a group of parents/board/staff to discuss
- Enrollment and Retention - continue meet and greet and expand to doing it each trimester
- Financial Transparency - got out tuition rates early for next school year
- Relationship with School and Church - parish manager will only improve this but it is already great! Looking for ideas and ways to enhance sister hour and invite parents. Continuing to foster relationships with other parishes
- Full strategic plan posted on our school website
- Discuss ways to measure success against this 5 year plan
- 3d tour of school is being worked on but we were able to see a rendering and will soon be posted on our website
- We have received info on high school acceptances - all that applied to Catholic schools have been accepted. Many placed into honors math, bio, engineering classes. This 8th grade class is the first class to complete 3 years of Connected Math.
- Looking for ideas to drive attendance to curriculum night
- Please complete parent surveys
- Best of Ahwatukee News: We placed top 3 for Best Preschool and Best Place to Work and #1 for Best Private School and Best Principal

Pastor's Report (JA)

- Still working on senior living facility for parish. Developers will be here for 1 night to share info with community and questions can be asked. Construction will start in June 2025. Bishop will be here for ground breaking.
- Fr James wants to open space for parking on north side of church
- Hispanic ministry started on Feb 9th
- Lots of interest for deacons to serve at our parish
- Looking for ideas for landscaping
- Best of Ahwatukee News: Best place to worship - St Benedict

Closing Prayer

Closing prayer given by Jamie Bescak

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by MB at 7:30pm.