

ST. JOHN BOSCO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 23rd, 2026

Time: 6pm – 8:00pm

Location: MPR - St John Bosco Catholic School

Voting Board Members:

- Cindy Casaus (CC), President, Chair (present)
- Laura Underwood (LU), Vice President (present)
- John Naset (JN), Secretary (present)
- Chad Stallings (CS) (excused)
- Erin Gonzales (EG) (present)
- Heather Wills (HW) (present)
- Maryola Fabilena (MF) (present)
- Moti Salloum (MS) (excused)
- Scott Clark (SC) (present)

Ex-officio Non-Voting Board Members:

- Fr. Manasseh Iorchir (MI), Pastoral Administrator (present)
- Jamie Bescak (JB), Principal, Administrative Office (present)
- Hogan Macdonald, Assistant Principal (present)
- Krissy Beliski (KB) Preschool Director (present)
- Marilyn Johnston (MJ) Parish Council Representative (present)
- Brenna McLean (BM), Faculty Representative (present)
- Amy Day (AD), Faculty Representative (present)

Call to Order & Administrative Business

- Opening prayer led by John Naset
- The meeting was called to order by Cindy Casaus at 6:02 PM
- Roll was taken and a quorum was established.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Dad's Club Report (Alfonso Martinez, Dad's Club President)

- **Rebranding Initiative:** Presented a proposal to rebrand the Dad's Club to better reflect its mission and outreach.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** The club is working to clarify that meeting attendance is not a requirement for service; all fathers are invited to volunteer for events as their schedules permit.

School Advisory Board Updates (Cindy Casaus, SAB President)

- **Board Vacancies:**

- There will only one open board position to fill
- Applications were promoted via "The Bite" and will remain open until April 20th
- One application has been received to date
- Interviews scheduled for the April meeting
- **2026-2027 Board Calendar**
 - The board will return to a monthly meeting cadence for the next academic year
 - Notable changes include a service-oriented opening meeting (incorporating Mass) and a social meeting in May.
- **Upcoming SAB Presence at School Activities**
 - Board members have signed up to represent the SAB at the upcoming Parent Night (April 20), Coffee with the Pastor & Principal (April 21), and the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast (April 23).

Facilities Reports (Hogan Macdonald, Assistant Principal)

- **Safety Committee**
 - Following a Threat Assessment by Phoenix PD, the school was commended for its multi-layered defense
 - Current priorities include research into a "double-entry" main gate system and the addition of a full-time Security Monitor
- **Bylaws**
 - Updates are currently on hold pending updated guidance from the Diocese expected to be published by the beginning of next academic year
- **Facilities**
 - Recent improvements include a new water spout in the preschool area and refrigeration upgrades
 - The "Gaga Pit" is temporarily closed for maintenance

Preschool Report (Krissy Beliski, Preschool Director)

- **Open Preschool Teacher Hiring**
 - Six candidates currently in the interview process for the open position

Principal's Report (Jamie Bescak, Principal)

- **Enrollment**
 - Enrollment for the 2026-27 year is strong at 477 students
 - Grades PK3 -5th Grade are virtually at capacity
 - Re-enrollment retention is exceptionally high, with only 12 current students not yet committed for next year.
- **Professional Development**
 - Through the "Matthew Project" grant, teachers are receiving coaching on neuro-divergent instruction. Staff will attend specialized training in Chicago and Michigan this summer.
- **Health**
 - The school is hiring a full-time nurse for the next school year

- New protocols require a doctor's note for the administration of all medications on campus (including over-the-counter and homeopathic)
- The school is exploring requiring parents who are exercising their vaccine exemption rights to watch vaccine educational material (and show proof of completion) before the exemption will be accepted
 - John Naset went on record as being opposed to the adoption of this policy

Pastor's Report (Fr. Manasseh Iorchir, Pastor)

- **Spiritual Life**
 - Encouraged parents to facilitate more frequent opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for their children
- **Youth Engagement**
 - 6th through 8th graders are encouraged to take active roles in the Teen/Young Adult Mass through music and altar serving
- **Sacramental Preparation**
 - 32 students are preparing to receive the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation on April 18th
- **Community Prayer**
 - The community is asked to keep Deacon Ed in their prayers

Adjournment

- Closing prayer led by Heather Wills.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.