SJB SAC MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2026

IN ATTENDANCE

Anna Nagle, Jamie Balvin, Michelle Barsness, Mike Claeson, Karen Hellendrung, Sean Kelly, Michelle Kohlmeyer, Katie Sommers, Matthew Turner

OPENING PRAYER

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA NAGLE ON OFFICIALLY BECOMING PRINCIPAL!

REVIEW OF 2026-2027 GOALS

1. Pastoral Letter Roll Out—being incorporated into the Principals Bulletin weekly
2. Alumni Engagement—Brainstorming strategies to get alumni contact information and to get the word out for the Alumni Event at Fall Fest 2027.
    a. Michelle B to talk with Kelly Beitz on Totino Grace's best practices for alumni engagement. Jamie B to talk with Dave Olson for UM's suggestions.
    b. Starting more engagement with SJB while in high school, so students never have a chance to lose touch.
3. Volunteer Corner in Church Bulletin—started last week
4. Marketing and Enrollment Plan
    a. Brainstormed ways to incentivize enrollment referrals for families. This seems to be the most successful marketing tactic (referral). Michelle K. proposed a raffle for families responsible for recruiting new families to SJB.
    b. Discussed how to target nearby neighborhoods and churches in the area that don't have a church associated with them.
    c. Goals for enrollment each year are to always at least replace the outgoing 8th grade class, but would love to be at 5-8% growth each year. Typically are hovering at 2% year to year.

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

This year, the Uniform Policy tightened up the hair policy. The committee gave counsel to Mrs. Nagle regarding how best to address several students who are still trying to get their hair into compliance with the new policy. The group discussed whether to grandfather in students compared to new students. Mrs Nagle to update the SAC of next steps.

TUITION 2027-2028

The group discussed the proposals for tuition increase for next school year. Suggestions ranged from a flat 3% increase each year, using the COLA increase each year, to just covering what the staff salary increases would need to be. Preschool anticipates a more significant increase to their rates than does the school. We will need to provide a final recommendation in our November meeting.

The group discussed raising the cost of Wines to Wishes tickets, from $50/ticket which they have been at for many years. Two tickets per family are required per the tuition

agreement, so we don't want o raise the cost too much that it deters from event night spending. There was a suggestion for $75/ticket for the 75th anniversary next year.

The group discussed the need to formalize the scholarship/tuition assistance process for the criteria for who gets what amount, to make this a more transparent process. Is the goal to fund more families, or to fund fewer families but fund them entirely?

PEN PAL IDEA

4th grade teacher Mrs Deptula wants to start a program where the students have parish member pen pals. The group discussed interest for the idea, which there was definitely interest in. The group's primary concern is ensuring the safety of the students and protecting their privacy, so there will need to be some details worked out before proceeding for next year.

MASS ENTRANCE

Mrs Nagle has received feedback that the environment before Wednesday school masses is fairly loud, and is distracting for parishoners attending confession at that time. It was proposed to direct families to congregate in St Joseph's Hall before Mass, so that the area around the church can be approached with more reverence.

MARKETING AND ENROLLMENT REPORT

Monthly update materials were provided—472 total students (Pre-School to 8th), 4 fewer than the September report.

Upcoming events are Open House November 12th, and Give to the Max Day.

Michelle B talked about outreach for Mentor Families, an initiative PTO is very interested in. We will discuss this in greater detail during out next call.

There will be another ChromeBook Sale next trimester.

SAC to have a table at the All Saints Party. Sean K to run this.

PTO REPORT

We briefly discussed Mentor families but will discuss in greater detail at our next meeting.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Not discussed but materials provided for review.

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be November 17.