

**St. Patrick School Board Meeting
October 14, 2025**

“We Pray! We Learn! We Achieve!”

Present: Jason Chamberlain, Melinda Fandel, Ashley Kreiner, Brenda Lenneman, Erin Pung-Caszatt, Krysten Rosendall, Stephanie Wambaugh, Scott Wieber, Christine Wilcox, Nancy Wohlscheid, Mrs. Casey Lenneman, Deacon Randy Hodge

I. Opening Prayer (Krysten)

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Brenda)

Krysten moved to approve the August 2025 school board notes; Jason seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

III. Old Business (Brenda)

None

IV. New Business (Brenda)

Brenda welcomed new school board members, Ashley Kreiner and Stephanie Wambaugh. Brenda also welcomed to the meeting Sarah Grey, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Grand Rapids Diocese. Ms. Grey spoke about Bridging Faith and Future and stated the diocesan strategic plan is halfway done through a five-year period. The School Board Summit takes place November 12th and participation is available virtually or in-person. The Summit is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices with school board members across the diocese. Brenda stated the Meitler Study is complete. The administration is reviewing the information and will determine next steps.

V. Principals' Reports (Deacon Randy Hodge and Mrs. Casey Lenneman)

The school is fully staffed except for a Tuesday, shared-time music teacher. October 3 was a professional development day where teachers learned cyber security for Go Guardian which monitors student computer activity. If a test is online, a student cannot use Google to find the answer. Mrs. Lenneman has been working with the Michigan State Police to get a better understanding of what our school needs for safety and anything that poses a threat to the school.

We may be able to apply for two grants; one grant used for the school and one grant used for the church. There are professionals within the diocese who can help us with grant writing. Mike Bozung has quotes for windows and

doors for the main level of the school. Melinda has some grant writing experience and Melinda will contact Mike Bozung.

VI. Committee Discussion

A) Development, Admissions and Enrollment (Deacon Randy Hodge, Erin, Krysten)

The first MegaRock Raffle was completed last week. The Meitler Study will be reviewed by Father Weber, Mrs. Lenneman and Deacon Randy; results will be released when done.

B) Mission Effectiveness (Christine)

On September 19th high school men and women participated in separate retreats. All high school students visited the National Shrine of the Little Flower. The sixth graders will participate in an overnight retreat next week. High school students will participate in March for Life at the Michigan Capitol. Virtue studies continue with a new virtue taught every two weeks.

C) Policy and Strategic Planning (Melinda and Jason)

Policy and Strategic Planning is in a quiet place right now before they begin constructing the newest five- to seven-year Strategic Plan. Grant writing will also be explored.

D) Marketing and Communication (Ashley Kliewer and Stephanie)

A social media schedule has been created to highlight classrooms. Baptism packets are being mailed three times per year. Printing services can go outside the diocese but receipts must be submitted. Stephanie will contact Sarah Toepfer.

E) Finance, Buildings and Grounds (Scott and Ashley Kreiner)

End of fiscal year 2025 financials were reviewed. Year-to-date 2025-26 budget was reviewed with student count as follows: high school 87, elementary 221, preschool 43 and childcare 35. There is a big Chromebook allocation and the MegaRock income has not been applied yet.

F) Executive (Brenda, Krysten, Nancy)

Brenda sent all school board members information regarding the Fall Summit. The Father Flohe Foundation fall meeting reported the fund has hit the \$3,000,000 mark and will soon hit the point where the Father Flohe Foundation

has donated more than \$3,000,000 to the school. Brenda is working on a new school board member onboarding packet. The school board is still searching for another member to assist Christine on the Mission Effectiveness Committee. Overall, our school board is in better shape than most in the diocese.

VII. Review of Tasks and Assignments (Nancy)

- 1) Stephanie will connect with Sarah Toepfer
- 2) Melinda will meet with Mike Bozung

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Next meeting: December 9, 2025

Notes provided by Nancy Wohlscheid