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2025 - 2026 St. Monica Catholic School Advisory Council
Meeting: September 3, 2025 – Meeting Minutes
6pm (SMART Center Boardroom)

Members: Jack Neville, Michelle Delaurier, Denis Stokes, Melinda Yaklin, Pete Furseth, Shannon Wishin, Aaron Saenz, Marissa Aulbaugh, Ben Cantrell, Fr. Guadagnoli, Debbie Diaz, and Stephanie Garza

Guests: PTO Executive Board Representatives (Sarah Huffman, Anne Cummins, Leighanna Morgan, Mo Nelson)

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer

III. **Roll Call** - All members introduced themselves and welcomed new SAC members

IV. PTO Budget Presentation

- a. PTO Treasurer Leighanna Morgan shared the reorganized PTO budget for 25-26 school year and answered questions; Special teacher stipends, Grade 3-5 special event funds, staff t-shirts, 6/7 finals treats, booster club funding and website budget items were highlighted

V. **Approval of Minutes** – May 12, 2025, meeting minutes were approved

VI. Chair Report

- a. Stephanie Garza & Pete Furseth will co-chair the SAC this year and Pete Furseth will become the chair for 26-27 school year
- b. In the 25-26 school year, SAC will meet bi-monthly, and sub-committees will meet in the months between meetings (as noted under Upcoming Meetings).
- c. Teacher of the Month Program- Marissa Aulbaugh agreed to continue the facilitation of the program for 25-26 school year
 - i. September teacher of the month will be announced at first Wednesday mass in October

VII. Pastor's Report

- a. Discussed the Feast of St. Monica with 24-hour adoration, procession, and multi-lingual rosary
- b. Discussed Bearcat Annual Fund family speakers & flier distribution at weekend masses 9/6-7
- c. Discussed adjustment of weekly student mass schedules

VIII. Principal's Report

- a. Parent Survey
 - i. Governance & Leadership Subcommittee shared Executive Summary of Parent Survey with SAC members
 - ii. Stephanie Garza has prepared a letter for the parent community; scheduled to present strengths/concerns/action items at September PTO and Dad's Club meetings
 - iii. Members discussed possible timelines for next parent survey – discussion & vote tabled until November SAC meeting

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- iv. Discussed using high school first-choice acceptance rate and honor class placement for marketing
- v. Governance & Leadership Subcommittee will write thank you notes to those community members who had a role in our community strengths based on the survey results
- b. School Theme: Solidarity
 - i. Discussed Teamwork/We are All One/Body of Christ theme
 - ii. Discussed starting year with faculty retreat and restructuring of faculty meeting schedule to provide more time for teachers to work together
 - iii. Discussed security adjustments around mass - Dallas Police Department partnership and teachers carrying Go Bags to mass, recess & dismissal
 - iv. Discussed process to establish new Reunification Site as well as secondary options
- IX. **Business Manager Update** – Debbie Diaz
 - a. July Finance Statement Recap provided, discussion about report with members
- X. **Committee Reports**
 - a. 2025-26 Sub Committee Members – subcommittee assignments were distributed and tasked with meeting before November 12th to align key insights from the parent survey to the SMS Strategic Plan based on specific subcommittee lens/pillar
- XI. **Other Business**
 - a. Operating Procedures- Members were asked to review operating procedures before next meeting and reach out if they have questions; operating procedures will be emailed to members by Stephanie Garza
- XII. **Adjournment**
- XIII. **Closing Prayer**

Upcoming Meetings:

- October – Committee Meetings
- November 12th @ 6pm
- December - Committee Meetings