

Quick recap

The SAC (School Advisory Council) meeting focused on reviewing various school events and initiatives at St. Vincent's. The group discussed feedback from November's social media safety presentation by Ben Tracy, which had limited attendance but sparked parent discussions. They reviewed the upcoming Auction for Education event featuring a Roaring Twenties theme and new DJ until 11 PM. Jean presented enrollment numbers showing strong retention for next year, while Faithful Beginnings is at capacity. The meeting covered staffing updates including maternity leaves and new hires, and addressed concerns about immigration policy impacts on families, with Maggie sharing that the Archdiocese provided guidelines. Security measures were discussed, including the implementation of Raptor visitor management system and new badge alert system for staff, along with enhanced camera and police presence at school events.

Next steps

- [Maggie: Bring up the issue of opening church doors earlier for the Advent program \(and possibly other events\) to Jesse and share feedback from parents; consider sending a survey to parents about event timing and format.](#)
- [Maggie: Report back to the group after the January parent book club conversation about "The Anxious Generation" to share feedback and ideas for future events.](#)
- [All \(SAC members\): Come prepared in February to discuss fundraising for next year, including possible changes to fall fundraising and pizza events.](#)
- Maggie: Interview candidate(s) for the long-term 7th/8th grade social studies maternity leave position.
- [Maggie: Notify families about the upcoming rollout of the Raptor visitor management system and Badge Alert system, including requirement for ID on first use.](#)
- [Maggie: Reach out to identified families to offer outreach or support as needed.](#)
- [Maggie and Father: Discuss and plan a potential parent panel or informational discussion with Annunciation families about their experiences, learnings, faith, and needs.](#)

Summary

New Year Reflections and Feedback

The meeting began with a prayer led by Kaleb and included a discussion about positive experiences in the new year, with participants sharing personal and professional highlights. Jean and Rebecca highlighted the significance of rosaries in their spiritual practices, while Maggie expressed gratitude for a healthy start to the year. The group also discussed feedback on a November event featuring Ben Tracy, who spoke about social media safety, noting a lower-than-hoped turnout of 19 out of 30 registered attendees.

Parent Engagement and Event Improvements

Maggie discussed the success of a recent speaker event and plans for future parent engagement initiatives, including a book club conversation about "The Anxious Generation" by Jonathan Haidt. She noted that 40 parents have registered for the first book club meeting, and the staff is focusing on addressing screen time and child development concerns. The group also reviewed feedback from the Advent program, with Kaleb suggesting that the church doors be opened earlier to accommodate older attendees who wish to arrive early for mass. Maggie agreed to discuss this feedback with Jesse and mentioned plans to send out a survey to gather more parent input on event timing.

School Council Enrollment and Safety Updates

The school council discussed several key topics including enrollment numbers, safety measures, and immigration policy concerns. Jean presented enrollment data showing strong retention rates and new inquiries for next year, with kindergarten expected to reach capacity. Maggie shared updates on new security measures being implemented, including Raptor visitor management system and badge alert system for staff. The council also discussed concerns about families being affected by immigration policies, with Maggie noting she would share Archdiocese guidelines with the group. The next meeting was scheduled for February 10th, 2026.