

## **School Advisory Council Meeting Notes**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2026**

### **School Events Feedback Review**

The meeting focused on feedback about recent school events, including Catholic Schools Week, field trips, and the Neon Dance. Participants discussed the success of themed days and field trips, with some suggestions for improvement, such as providing clearer guidelines on acceptable spending amounts for field trips. The group also addressed the decision to skip the school store during Catholic Schools Week due to high costs and logistical challenges. Finally, they reviewed the talent show and Neon Dance events, noting positive feedback and a last-minute adjustment to accommodate a student shooting a basketball for their talent, and figuring out where students can sit so that we can fit parents in the gym.

### **Parent-Teacher Conference Success Review**

The team discussed the success of parent-teacher conferences, noting that feedback from the previous year had led to a change in communication strategy by not discouraging parent attendance. Teachers reported being energized by the conferences, with Maggie noting that the meal provided was well-received, which was prepared by Chef John on behalf of HSA. Rebecca observed that there was sufficient availability for parents to sign up, and Eric mentioned that the middle school teachers were effective in conveying key information within the scheduled time. The conversation concluded with a brief mention of the CUF raffle fundraiser, which was progressing well toward its goal.

### **Catholic United Financial Raffle and Fundraising**

The committee discussed the success of post-church ticket sales. Jesse reported that ticket sales were going well, with only two tickets remaining at the parish office, though they were still short on Catholic United tickets. The group agreed that a three-week sales period was more effective than six weeks. The group agreed to revisit fundraising strategies in March, as the current methods have become outdated.

### **Gala Plans**

Jesse shared plans for the upcoming Gala, which will be held on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and will feature grade-level baskets, an extended social hour with heavy apps in the gym, a live auction and paddle raise in Regan Hall, and an after-party with a DJ and cigar lounge in the courtyard. This year's event will have heavy appetizers instead of a full meal to keep ticket prices at \$100 per person despite rising costs. Maggie and Jesse explained that while food

prices have increased, maintaining the \$100 ticket price helps keep the event affordable for families.

### **School Support**

The discussion then shifted to concerns about immigration enforcement policy and support for Minneapolis Catholic schools, particularly St. Helena's and Risen Christ, which are experiencing staffing and family challenges. Maggie asked for feedback about whether the community would be receptive to supporting other schools while promoting their own upcoming fundraising event.

### **Safety Updates**

Maggie provided an update on the implementation of the Raptor system for visitor management, which replaces paper sign-ins with a database-driven system. The group briefly discussed the installation of a badge alert system with an emergency button for staff and faculty. The school will also have an upcoming comprehensive assessment by 3D Response Systems in February and the implementation of a new badge alert system for precise indoor location tracking with Raptor.

### **SAC Attendance**

Maggie proposed adding a teacher to future meetings to gain additional perspectives. There was also a discussion about improving meeting attendance and commitment by resetting expectations.

### **Academic Calendar Draft Review**

The meeting ended with a focus on the academic calendar for the upcoming school year. Maggie presented a draft calendar and the group discussed potential changes. They discussed the first and last day of school as well as debated the length of Christmas break, with some advocating for two weeks off and others preferring a shorter break. Maggie requested feedback on the draft calendar before presenting it to the teacher-lead committee and publishing it.