



Mother of Good Counsel School

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School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 (Teacher's Lounge)

In Attendance: Fr. Reed, Michelle Hagen, Tony Dompke, Dan Scholz, Erica Byfield, Anthony Makovec, Rolanda Makovec, Luke Feudner

Meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Reed

Review of January Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Pastor's Report

- The students coming to Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays is nice.
- Fr. Reed is excited for the next year of school and what it may bring.
- Fr. Reed enjoys being involved with the students and spends time with them during lunch.
- Stations of the Cross are Fridays at 10:00am.

Principal's Report:

- **Chapel** – Work on the school chapel has begun. Fr. Art has picked out colors. The work should be done shortly.
- **Hibernians** - The Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsor several schools in the area and are looking at MGC for consideration. It would include a donation that would likely be annual.
- **Superintendent Visit** – The superintendent is coming May 16th.
- **School Incident** – School was canceled March 12th due to a potential threat. With limited information on short notice, student safety was prioritized. The police were called and started investigating. The Archdiocese was contacted, and the assistant superintendent suggested reporting the incident with the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Students are not allowed to bring backpacks the rest of the week.
- **Staffing Change** – Due to a change in health status, the 1st grade teacher will only fill in as needed while a previous teacher fills the role for the remainder of the year.
- **Choice Applications** – MGC has 160 choice applications with 125 approved, including 94 returning students. Last year there were only 83 approved applications at this time. MGC has been hosting many school tours, which is believed to be helping the numbers.
- **Budget** – MGC pays the Archdiocese of Milwaukee on a per student basis for its resources and support. Next year's enrollment is currently planned for 177, which is a balance between the September 2024 count of 178, the January 2025 count of 176, and the increase in interest/applications. There are planned increases in payroll, benefits, and other costs. There is a reserve for MGC's contribution for the FEMA grant that will allow building improvements. And there is planning for the possibility of enrollment being lower/higher than expected, which included discussion on special classes, such as music, art, gym, and Spanish. It was noted that the Title money MGC receives is very restrictive/difficult to manage, and there may be additional resources through the Go MKE program and Greater Milwaukee Foundation.

- **ECP**– The Extended Care Program is looking for additional employees. Employees need to go through safe environment training.
- **Athletics** –MGC’s basketball team went to the Padre tournament for the first time in 4 years. The kids demonstrated good, respectful, and positive behaviors.

Other Business:

- **Forward Testing** – Forward testing has started.
- **School Cleanup** – There’s work underway to cleanup the school for a better appearance during tours and other guest visits. Empty classrooms will be set up. Storage is being decluttered. Carts of Chromebooks and iPads were found that can be used for improved technology. The cleanup will help create an environment conducive to the 100th anniversary celebration and possible tours.
- **Visitor Policy** – A grandmother of one of the students who came to visit MGC didn’t feel welcome. In light of the experience, there’s an interest in updating the visitor and volunteer policies so they extend a welcome invitation and also set the requirements and guidelines for a successful visit.
- **Website** – Tony is waiting on a response from LPI. Next steps will include choosing a logo, colors/pantones, and font for MGC’s branding.
- **MGC Movies**–MGC recently showed *For Greater Glory* and *The Holy Six* movies about the lives of saints. It was noted that these were good stories, and it would be great to invite the students to this type of event.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th 6:00pm.

Closing prayer and dismissal by Fr. Reed.