



# Mother of Good Counsel School

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## School Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 (Teacher's Lounge)

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

Meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Reed

Review of March Meeting Minutes Minutes were approved as submitted.

### Principal's Report

- **Staffing** – Someone who's a friend of a current teacher may be available for Music to bring that class back for the remainder of the year.
- **Choice Applications** – MGC has 133 verified choice applications and 33 not yet verified applications (which require completed paperwork). The verified applications include 95 returning families. Of MGC's enrollment of 175, there are 17 8<sup>th</sup> graders, leaving 158 students that could return. MGC sometimes picks up students from MPS schools that only go through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- **Budget for 2025-26** – A budget was submitted to Finance with an enrollment expectation of 177 students and current staffing levels. There is concern around finding quality, full-time candidates for teaching positions if enrollment comes in higher or the government approves increased Choice funding. A decision may be made to search for additional candidates before waiting for final enrollment depending on the outlook.
- **Policy for Act 20** – The Archdiocese has issued a policy to comply with 2023 Wisconsin Act 20 effective September 1, 2027. For any 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student not reading at grade-level, the school must provide additional instructional services until the student scores at grade-level with limited exceptions. It was acknowledged that some current students are more than 1 grade-level behind, and it will take work, parental support, and resources to prepare for when the standard takes effect. It will also require planning and budgeting for summer school programming. The Archdiocese policy was approved by Fr. Reed and the School Advisory Committee knowing there will be work to do in advance of the 2027-2028 timing.
- **Visitor Policy** – The visitor and volunteering policies were reviewed for updates to make people feel welcome without disrupting classroom instruction and to encourage volunteering. One of the challenges is the safeguarding requirements. Several ideas were shared for having training at MGC for convenience. The newer/updated version of the policy that was shared was the preferred format and language, but it was suggested that the visitor and volunteer policies be separate rather than combined. Once updated, the new policies will be communicated via Kidmail.

#### Other Business

- **Website** – The next step in the process is to send all the updated content from each of the current website pages to LPI so they can create the new site for review. It will require multiple people helping out.
- **Hibernians** - The Ancient Order of Hibernians has decided to sponsor MGC.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm.

Closing prayer and dismissal by Fr. Reed.