

St. Lawrence School Advisory Board Minutes  
March 11, 2025

Present: Brenda Anderson, Barry Whipkey, Kelly Peters, Emily Bjordahl, Steve Hoffmann, Father Brian Eckrich, and Jackie Loeschke  
Absent: Ted Hendricks

The opening prayer was recited and the meeting was called to order by Brenda Anderson.

There was a motion to approve the minutes from November 2024 by Jackie Loeschke and seconded by Steve Hoffmann.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Anderson will be attending trainings for the ICLE (Institute for Catholic Liberal Education) March 13-15 in Denver and April 24-25 at Broomtree. Staff will have training on May 21-22 and October 13-14.

Registration has been started for the 2025-2026 school year. Each preschool group has had 4 spots added for the upcoming. The MWF 4-year-old groups have 28 students registered with 16 students in the morning and 12 in the afternoon group. There are still 4 open spots for the afternoon group. There are 24 students registered for the T/TH 3-year-old preschool groups. Kindergarten enrollment is anticipated to be 16 students. One new first grader and third grader are enrolled at this time. The enrollment for 6<sup>th</sup> grade is at 4 students, with 3 students leaving, and 4 students undecided. Discussion was held regarding retention of students from 5<sup>th</sup> grade and how to reach out to parents that are still undecided.

Starting the 2025-2026 school year, there will not be yearly registration. Once a student is registered for school at St. Lawrence, they will remain a student until they are done with 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Forms that need to be updated yearly will be distributed at open house.

Smarter Balance testing will take place the end of March through May for grades 3-6.

A tentative school calendar was distributed for the 2025-2026 school year.

Brenda is finalizing a 5-year accreditation process which is due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The review will be completed on April 15<sup>th</sup> via phone.

Catholic schools raffle raised about \$17,040 this year, which is down about \$1,200 from last year. This fundraiser may not be available next year.

The Mardi Gras fundraiser was down this year with amount of money raised as well as decreased number of parent volunteers. The group is considering moving fundraiser back to Sunday.

The Gala theme for this year is "Enchanted Garden" and will take place on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Speedway event center.

The Mystery Dinner Theater will take place the beginning of November, but no dates have been set at this time. John Lightfield is writing the script and Susie Wenland is finalizing the dates available.

A golf tournament is being considered for another fundraiser. Dates being considered are at the first couple weekends of August.

Fundraising ideas were discussed including street dance or another raffle due to the Catholic Financial raffle possibly being discontinued after this year.

Summer OST is hiring the same staff as last summer, so there is no further staffing needs.

Old Business:

The Endowment continues to bring in money and is at \$334,000 raised. Continued exposure to the Parish and community will be completed to encourage further donations.

New Business:

Tuition for next year has been raised by \$5 for preschool and \$100 for K-6. The family cap has been raised by \$200 at \$4,300. Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year is as follows.

4 year-old preschool: \$115

3 year-old preschool: \$90

Kindergarten \$1,800

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: \$1,900

2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade: \$2,000

Family Cap: \$4,300

There have been some families that have been refusing to do fundraising, so discussion was held regarding how to address the refusal.

The school is organizing a fundraiser for Keaton Johnson. Shirts and bracelets have been ordered.

The next meeting is set for April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

The closing prayer was said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Peters