

Providing academic excellence in a Catholic environment to inspire lives reflective of the Gospel

St. John's Academy - School Board Minutes

Tuesday January 20, 2026

Members Present: Melissa Haas, Tim Perkins, Annie Hancock
Chris Aarhus, Stephanie McMillan, Marianne Klosterman, Sherri Kleinknecht,
Brady Anderson, Kaysee Price, Ryan Wanzek, Father Wilhelm, Alicia Bata

I. **Call to Order-** Chris called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

A. **Opening Prayer**

II. **Recommended Actions:**

A. **Routine Matters:**

1. Agenda Additions: none
2. Guests: Gina Horgan, Eric Haas, Janel Monson
3. Guest Speakers:
 - a) Gina addressed the board and discussion followed.
 - b) Janel discussed the technology needs for the school. Specifically, funding.
4. Board Comments:
 - a) Chris noted that we will be changing the name of the school board to an advisory body. This fits with what other Catholic schools have as well.
 - b) Annie asked if Mrs. Schutz will be replaced for the remainder of the school year, as she will be out on maternity leave. At this time there is not someone who will be replacing her.

B. **Old Business:** Tech fee policy. Tech fee policy will be discussed at February meeting.

C. **New Business:** 2026-2027 School Calendar- Note the Oct. days off are different than the Public Schools because JP2 has scheduled the teacher professional development day on Oct. 15. Vote to approve 2026-2027 calendar will take place at the February meeting.

D. **Action item:**

1. Policy 1001 St. John's Academy Mission, History, and Purpose 2nd reading
 - a) Annie motion and Brady 2nd to pass with updated changes, motion approved.

E. **Pastor's Report:** Father Wilhelm will do his report at the February meeting.

F. **Information and Proposals:**

1. **Principal's Report:**

- a) Catholic Schools week next week. Bishop Folda will be here on Tuesday for mass.
- b) Giving Hearts Day is Feb. 12. BBQ and Bingo will take place from 6-8pm.
- c) Spelling Bee has been changed this year. It will be for grades 5-8 and will be done with JPS.
- d) Lynne Lang will be coming for the teacher Professional Development Day on Feb. 16th. The parent night will potentially be held on Tuesday February 17th.
- e) Mr. Willer worked with staff at the Professional development day on different ways to increase math fact fluency.
- f) Enrollment- Numbers are currently down. Office staff will be reaching out to ensure families have received the enrollment link. Discussed different ideas on how to boost our middle school numbers. Chris asked if there is money available for Sarah to do some more marketing. We will continue to explore more ideas as well. We would love to keep all our wonderful students and families.



2. Committee Reports:

a) Building and Grounds

(1) Report:

(2) Projects: A new water heater was installed in the kitchen on Jan. 20.

(3) Building and Grounds committee will meet in February.

b) Finance: Kaysee

(1) Board received the finance report from Kaysee. The budget is right on track. The basketball tournament was a success.

c) Long Range Planning

d) Policy

e) Recruitment and Marketing

(a) BBQ and Bingo February 12th 6-8pm. Board members please sign up to help.

f) Grievance: N/A

g) Childcare: N/A

III. Future Business

A. Next Meeting- Monday, February 16

IV. Closing Prayer

V. Adjournment: 8:57pm