

St. John's Academy - School Board Minutes

Monday March 16, 2026

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

Call to Order @ 7:01 p.m.

A. Opening Prayer

II. Recommended Actions:

A. Routine Matters:

1. Agenda Additions: Executive Session
2. Guests: none
3. Board Comments: To help with efficiency board members will be given an ipad to use during meetings. I pads were a donation to the board.
4. Executive Session- Executive session began at 7:03pm and ended at 7:38pm.

B. Committees

C. Old Business:

D. New Business: Board Member Terms- reviewed board member terms.

E. Action item:

- (1) Board constitution/Bylaws- Moved parish council representative and Ex-officio members under Article II. (First Reading)
- (2) Advisory Board (handbook)- Motion to approve by Annie, second by Brady. Motion approved.
- (3) Crisis Management Plan (Handbook)- Motion to approve by Ryan, second by Brady. Motion approved.
- (4) Tuition and Fees (handbook)- Motion to approve by Ryan second by Brady. Motion approved.

F. Pastor's Report: Szarkowski have gifted the school ten acres of land.

G. Information and Proposals:

1. Principal's Report:

- a) Monica Ripplinger and Abigail Newton have been hired to teach in the elementary grades for next school year. Miss Altringer will be moving to Pre-K. An interview has been scheduled for a potential middle school English teacher.
- b) Testing- We will be moving towards using the ND state assessments instead of MAP testing. The ND assessments align with state standards whereas MAP aligns with national standards.

2. Committee Reports:

a) Building and Grounds

- (1) Report: Buildings and grounds committee is planning on meeting monthly.
- (2) Projects:
 - i. Tuck pointing will take place beginning on April 27th.
 - ii. The Herzigs' are developing a plan for landscape maintenance. Families will have the opportunity to help with the maintenance by adopting a side of the school.

b) Finance: Kaysee

(1) Finance Report- We are tracking well so far this year. The basketball tournament did very well.

c) **Long Range Planning**

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d) **Policy**

(1) Attendance 2nd reading, Motion to approve by Annie, second by Brady. Motion approved.

(2) Field Trips 1st reading- Melissa is going to check on what is required by the diocese before moving forward with the changes to the field trip policy.

(3) Maternity Leave- Maternity leave policy was approved by parish council.

e) **Recruitment and Marketing**

(1) Enrollment update- Currently 222 enrolled for next year.

Expecting 234 students once all enrollments are complete.

(2) March 27 Family Movie Night

(3) Concert update- Approximately 1,000 tickets have been sold.

f) **Grievance:** none

g) **Childcare:** none

III. **Future Business:**

A. Next Meeting – April 20th

IV. **Adjournment:** 8:38pm

V. **Closing Prayer**