

St. John's Academy - School Board Minutes

Monday November 17, 2025

Members Present: Melissa Haas, Tim Perkins, Annie Hancock
Chris Aarhus, Stephanie McMillan, Marianne Klosterman, Sherri Kleinknecht,
Brady Anderson, Kaysee Price

Absent: Ryan Wanzek, Father Wilhelm



I. Call to Order- Chris called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

A. Opening Prayer

II. Recommended Actions:

A. Routine Matters:

1. Agenda Additions: none
2. Guests: Kristen Lynch
3. Executive Session: Chris called executive session at 7:01pm. Session closed at 7:45pm.
4. Board Comments: none

B. Old Business: none

C. New Business:

D. Action item:

1. Board members are asked to attend the Parish Council meeting on January 12 at 7pm. Scott Hoselton the financial officer for the Diocese will be there to explain the finances and answer any questions. Everyone is encouraged to come with a question to ask him.

E. Pastor's Report: Father Wilhelm was gone on retreat.

F. Information and Proposals:

1. Principal's Report:

- a) Cyber Club has two teams attending State. Congratulations!
- b) Mr. Willer is looking at the new state math standards and making sure our current curriculum aligns with them. If gaps are found he is providing the teachers with ideas on how to fill the gaps to ensure the standards are met.
- c) Early childhood- Morning five-day Kids Kingdom program age requirement will be changed to age three by May 1, instead of the current age three by July 1.
- d) Miss Altringer will start on Monday, November 24.

2. Committee Reports:

a) Building and Grounds

(1) Report:

- (a)** The state came to do a boiler inspection. They found a ground wire issue which was fixed by Heartland. They also found a leak in a door. Heartland is looking into this further.

b) Finance: Kaysee

- (1)** Month-to-month we are tracking well so far this year.
- (2)** HOPE dinner gross was more than projected. We will have a final number once all expenses have been accounted for. Thank you for your generosity.

- (3) McCormick Estate- more of the estate has been settled and deposited in the endowment fund.

c) Long Range Planning

- (1) The finance team met on Oct. 27 to plan and budget for the 2026/2027 school year. Based on our projections we should be able to hire an additional teacher for 5th grade.
- (2) Tuition increase: Finance committee agreed to increase tuition by 4% which is the same as last year.
- (3) Tech fees: The finance committee also discussed adding a \$100 tech fee for elementary students and \$150 tech fee for middle school students. The computer lab in the school only has three working computers. There is a need to have a technology fund to make necessary updates. Technology fees and policy will be discussed at the January meeting.

d) Policy

- (1) 1001- St. John's Academy Mission, History, and Purpose
 - Adding to update the history of the academy to include the Zebedee center, new addition, and expansion of the middle school. We will have a second reading in January.
- (2) 1003- SJA Constitution and Bylaws- Chris read our St. John's Academy school board constitution and bylaws. – recommendation to change number of board members from 10 to 9, non-parish board members from two to one, reorganization of officers will be done annually by vote at the August meeting instead of June meeting, and meetings should take place on the 3rd Monday of the month (except for December, June, and July). We will have a second reading in January.

e) Recruitment and Marketing

- (a) Recruitment and marketing committee will meet on Monday Nov. 24.
- (b) Concert- Tigirlily Gold Concert ticket sales are open.

f) **Grievance:** N/A

g) **Childcare:** N/A

III. Future Business

A. Next Meeting- Monday January 19

IV. Closing Prayer

V. Adjournment: 8:34pm