



Advisory Board Minutes

Trinity Catholic School will provide excellence in education and meaningful formation to prepare minds for a lifetime and souls for eternity.

9/10/25

Members

Present	☐ Joe Godina, Principal	☒ Molly McElgunn, Booster Club President
	☐ Father Meng, Chaplain	☐ Jenny Armour
	☐ Father Weldon	☐ Stuart Bornholdt
	☐ Father Spexarth	☐ Irene Faudoa
	☒ Janet Eaton, Superintendent	☐ Jill Guajardo
	☒ Bob Dolechek, Finance	☐ Steve Maskil
	☐ Shannan Miller, Development Director	☐ Dave Vogel
	☐ Kim Griffith, Counselor	

Introductions

Introduction of new members: Parent Reps: Stuart Bornholdt & Steve Maskil, OLG parishioners;
Booster Club President: Molly McElgunn

Business

Chrome Books

Students are 1:1 with Chromebooks. Students with damaged Chromebooks will incur a charge in PowerSchool for replacement, similar to past procedures. Before receiving a new Chromebook, students must complete a set number of school service hours.** Students will maintain a log and can fulfill these hours by working with available faculty/staff members.

** **Suggestion:** Hold them accountable for their service hours to be completed by the end of the semester v. must serve hours BEFORE getting a Chromebook back. Concern is falling behind on

assignments, low or failing grades. **Questions:** How many hours? **No decision made.** When will parents learn of this policy? **Newsletter on Friday, 9/12**

Question: What about damage that is out of the student's control? Who pays for the Chromebook, who serves the hours? **Case by case basis. Not clarified.**

Question: Is Chromebook insurance available this year? Parents have not gotten a clear answer. **The answer is yes** - we believe so, however it is not advertised anywhere. Is not in the handbook NOR was it noted on the enrollment or technology policy. **Question:** Do we need to charge everyone an insurance fee/deposit? **\$\$ is not the issue at the moment it's responsibility** to take better care of Chromebooks, plus it could be a financial hardship to some families.

It was brought up that studies in other countries are showing that students that study the "old fashioned way" with textbooks and paper and pencil v. all online/computer based learning are scoring higher overall. Therefore, some are moving away from technology.

Enrollment

Currently, total enrollment is 208 students, a decline from 222 at the end of last year. In May 2025, we graduated 43 students. The incoming 7th grade class consists of 35 students, and we expect to welcome a few more international students in the second semester. Currently have 5 international students this year - 3 Vietnam, 1 Japan, 1 Italy

Kim shared that we have 25 students from McPherson, 3 students from St. Joe Ost, 1 from Partridge and 2 from Newton in addition to our students from Hutchinson

Parent Note: It was brought up that the Catholic community of McPherson is talking about the possibility of one day adding 7th and 8th grade to St. Joes, McPherson.

Question: What to do about decreasing enrollment? participation? WHY is Holy Cross down in enrollment? **Combination of reasons over the past several years.** The advisory board has done a "study" for a strategic plan, however, has taken no further action.

New (to us) Faculty & Staff

- Shelley Dinges ('91) - JH Religion
- Paul Gion - Math
- Lolita Repp - English
- Rochelle Hoskinson - Kitchen

Clair Pennycuff has taken the role of new teacher liaison, plus each has a mentor teacher to go to as needed.

School Safety

Thank you to the Booster Club's efforts at the Trinity Auction last spring (\$56K), the safety and security measures at TC have seen significant enhancements.

- Lighting - New/Additional lights have been installed north of the gym, on the parking light pole, north of JH wing, service entrance, weight room, SE corner of the school near greenhouse. Considerations are being made to add lights along west side of school.
- AEDs and Nurses' GO BAG are in full use as needed.
- Main entrance window/door
 - not cost effective to do in phases - summer/winter
 - bids presented October
 - work completed over Christmas break
- Window tinting - in progress
- Vape +*more* sensors in bathrooms and locker rooms
 - 2 have been purchased - need installed
 - additional sensors to be purchased/granted at a later date
- Door Locks

Tracey Repp, a former employee of the WPD and FBI, as well as the husband of Mrs. Repp, a TC English teacher, will conduct a walkthrough for us to assist in updating the crisis plan. *He and if needed, others need to come ASAP.*

Questions: *Do we have an armed faculty/staff member in the building? What is the protocol for an armed intruder, lock down, etc...? **Nothing at this time.** NEED to have a plan going forward. Father Jerome spoke of Alertus - system to alert everyone including 911 - used at Pittsburg Colgan. Is there guidance from the Diocese? **Not necessarily.** What do the other high schools in the diocese have in place? **Do not know that answer.***

Old McPherson Bus

Original plan was to sell the bus once the new bus was purchased, however, we continue to use and maintain it so it can be used as needed.

Bookkeeper Hired

Rosa Palmer will return to Trinity Catholic as bookkeeper September 23. TC principal and the Catholic School's Office hired for this position according to the diocesan hiring process.

Development Report

Fundraising

<i>Celtic Sponsors</i>	<i>4 Scarlet, 3 Columbia, 8 White (Lost 2)</i>	<i>\$41000</i>
<i>Sports Program Advertiser</i>	<i>22 Advertisers (3 New, Lost 3) - can always add</i>	<i>\$7825</i>
<i>Annual Fund</i>	<i>Goal \$125K - Giving Day 10/10/25</i>	<i>\$9000</i>
<i>Giving Tuesday</i>	<i>iGiveCatholic - 12/2/25 - Academic + Religious</i>	
<i>Fulfill the Promise Campaign</i>	<i>Pledge Balance \$222K - Some \$\$ to be written off</i>	
<i>Golf Classic</i>	<i>6/12/26 Crazy Horse Golf Club</i>	
<i>Booster Club/PTA 2024-25</i>	<i>Gift to the general budget</i>	<i>\$100000</i>
<i>2024-25</i>	<i>Fund-A-Need - School Safety & Security</i>	<i>\$56000</i>
<i>2025-26</i>	<i>Football Mania/Concessions/GSS/Buttons/Pop-A-Shot</i>	

Enrollment/Spirit

<i>Student Spirit Shirts</i>	<i>TY Sponsors - Passed out 9/5/25</i>
<i>Catholic Grade School Night</i>	<i>9/26/25 Holy Cross/McPherson/Ost/Kingman/Newton</i>

Community

<i>8/16/25</i>	<i>Celtic Mixer</i>
<i>9/3/25</i>	<i>Grandparents Mass - great day! 100+ g'parents</i>
<i>11/5/25</i>	<i>Memorial Mass</i>

Marketing

Website/TV Screens/Social Media/Electronic Billboards/Radio (AdAstra)

MEDIBAG - Hutchinson Catholic Schools advertise with Ashcraft Pharmacy in S Hutch

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Hutchinson Catholic Schools continue to be members of the chamber

Alumni

<i>10/3/25</i>	<i>2005 (20 yrs) + 2015 (10 yrs) Class Reunions - HOMECOMING</i>
<i>10/17-18/25</i>	<i>1975 (50 yrs) Class Reunion - Football Game (intro) + tour</i>

Memorials

<i>Past Parent</i>	<i>Randy Eisenbarth - husband of Jeanne, father of Nathan '13 and Rachel '15</i>
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Counselor Report

Testing

- ACT (12th grade) will be given 10/21/25 at a discounted rate
 - NO science test. It is now an optional section on the ACT.
- PSAT (10th - 11th)
- PreACT (9th)
- PowerPrep (11th - 12th)

Social/Emotional Health

- NEW TO TC - Welcome to DAX, our therapy dog, owned by TC Alums, Katie and Derrick Raya. Dax will join us every other Wednesday. He's already a member of the TC family!!
- Peg with "On the Path" (St. Louis) will work with out 7th and 8th graders for 9 sessions (2 hr each) on social emotional awareness.

Religion Report

Welcome Father Meng

Retreats

7th grade retreat - Friday, September 19th - St. Ts

8th grade retreat - Friday, September 26th - St. Ts

9th grade - Pure and Simple - February

11th grade - KAIROS - November - Camp Kapaun - exciting new venue

One aspect of Sister Maria Jacinta's discipleship class is to prepare seniors to lead others in spiritual retreats. Their first experience leading will be with the JH retreats.

Kairos - last week Father followed KMC to their first ever Kairos retreat. He believes that the most impact is had by those that are leading the retreats as he discusses with other priests (i.e. senior leaders vs. junior participants)

Score for the Lord

Outdoor Eucharistic Adoration - Friday, September 26th after the football game at the south endzone!

Word on the Street

Finances *Reminder that it has been discussed previously - finances of the school NEED to be transparent. This includes clubs, teams, fundraisers, general budgets*

New Phone Policy

Question: *How's it going? Only 1 phone has been confiscated g'ma picked up next day. Concern:* *Concern about a student not having a phone from confiscation until after they have served a referral the following Wednesday. Reassurance that this is ONLY on the third offense. If it has come to that, the hope is that the student and parent have been in discussion.*