



Advisory Council Minutes

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

4/8/26

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
	☐ Shannan Miller, Development Director	☐ Steve Maskil
	☐ Kim Griffith, Counselor	☒ Dave Vogel
	☐ Rosa Palmer, Business Manager	

Minutes

Business

School Improvement Team Update

What actions can we implement to enhance the experiences of our students, faculty, staff, and the wider community? A recent survey of faculty and staff revealed several key issues.

One particular concern led the team to assess the existing courses and explore the possibility of introducing new electives.

It has been mentioned that our school feels deserted, with an “empty” parking lot. Many upperclassmen, especially seniors, are away at college classes off campus, which results in their absence from Mass and hinders the development of a community atmosphere with their peers. Additionally, while online classes keep students engaged with their individual courses, they do

not foster connections with classmates and teachers in a traditional classroom setting. As well, many students have expressed that online classes often serve merely as a way to pass the time, and the learning outcomes do not meet the standards that Trinity Catholic should uphold.

All these factors highlight the need for improvement within our school community. For the upcoming 2026-27 school year, a tentative plan highlights ...

COLLEGE CLASSES ON CAMPUS - CNA, College Comp I, II, College Algebra, College Statistics, Sociology, Public Speaking, Medical Terminology

OFF CAMPUS allowed would be the VO-TECH classes at the HTEA at Hutch High.

ONLINE CLASSES will be curtailed to only on a need to have basis.

POSSIBLE 7 CLASS PERIOD DAY - exploring the change from an 8-period day to a 7-period day. Researching other schools and what works for them what are the benefits, can it work for us, what would it look like? **Question:** Would they “lose” a class? **Answer:** Yes, however, they would not be in jeopardy of losing credits to graduate.

Thoughts, comments, concerns ??? not necessarily a fan of limiting the college credit options. Maybe having the opportunity to “earn” an option to take a college class. Example: Accounting I and II was a class on campus was beneficial for my student. What about more college classes on campus? **Question:** What brought this on? **Answer:** the lack of presence at the school tends to a lack of leadership at the school ?? Lack of participation, community, connection not physically being in the building. **Question:** What about internships? Are we going backward from our initial goal of improving academics and helping our kids being prepared for college? What opportunities are you wanting them to lose? Is the decision made or are we researching options yet? **Answer:** seems to be the plan - and is approved by Janet **Question:** What is the plan to fill the gap of those higher-level courses? **Answer:** Some of the teachers that are “sitting” to cover online classes will be available to teach an elective. **Discussion** parents would like to see the kids taking the courses that push them and at the same time allow them to “test the waters” into a career path. Parents are asking that we **NEED** to offer more of those courses

The parents appreciate Kim being the liaison between the students and the online professor.

7 class periods kids talk about a lack of electives to choose from looking to bring back electives and/or offer new ones. Looks as if JH would not have an elective. Band would “disappear.” Parent mentions the concern about missing Mass maybe we need to look at the schedule to determine another time to offer Mass.

Fr. Weldon had previously mentioned “the church is paying for students so they should be here.” Is this part of the WHY this discussion of these changes are being mentioned? No.

Question: What time is changed per class period? **Answer:** adding 7 minutes or so.

Parents are feeling more concerned than they are excited about the changes that are being thought of. This may need to be phased into. Start with Freshmen ??

Question: Is it a problem?? **Answer:** There could be different answers than take away the opportunities. There will need to be EFFECTIVE communication to the parents otherwise there could be an uproar. Can you limit the number of classes taken off campus? HutchCC requires “6” students to enroll in the class in order for a professor to come here. We will need to commit to HutchCC ASAP! Parents, overall, are not for the loss of college classes off campus.

Conversation closed. School improvement team will meet again on Friday morning to discuss these concerns.

Enrollment Task Force

Hutchinson Catholic Schools Video - [youtube.com/watch?v=KND840GQwOO&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KND840GQwOO&feature=youtu.be)

The first real concrete enrollment piece to be shared with our current and new families.

Question: feedback? **Answer:** are we able to add our test scores? feeder schools other than HC? The comment is that this particular video is to show the flow from Holy Cross into Trinity Catholic. PreK-Graduation in ONE school system. It would be beneficial to make a video for TC itself and include scores, specifics, feeder school info, what we offer

Father Meng mentioned that this video is going to be shown also at the baptismal classes for new parents having their child baptized. SMiller continued to add that the plan is to follow-up with those families in three years as their child is at the age to enter PreK 3.

Questions: How many of the HC sixth graders will move over to TC? How many are we losing? WHEN do McPherson kids enroll? What is the enrollment process for new families/sixth graders? When are the TC open houses scheduled? Who are those for?? **Answers:** majority maybe 2 ????

Church bulletin inserts (1) for PreK and Kindergarten round-up and (2) highlighting each of our schools AND the unity between the two schools.

New Logo for Hutchinson Catholic Schools - work in progress

Development Report

Fundraising

<i>Annual Fund</i>	<i>Goal \$125K - \$114,900 UNRESTRICTED and \$8,500 RESTRICTED 98.7% of our goal - ends June 30, 2026</i>	<i>\$123,400</i>
<i>Fulfill the Promise Campaign</i>	<i>Pledge Balance \$150K</i>	<i>\$500K + \$2 million</i>
<i>Booster Club</i>	<i>End of the year gift goal = \$100,000 gift to the school</i>	<i>\$100K</i>

Booster Club

<i>Fund-A-Need 2025</i>	<i>Front entryway is complete! Thank you CJWBuilders (Jody Wiggins) and those donors to the 2025 Fund-A-Need. Guests MUST enter into the vestibule and be BUZZED into the walk in office door. LIGHTS are complete!</i>
<i>AUCTION 2026</i>	<i>April 18th are you coming? RSVP yesterday!! Currently have _____ guests planning to attend. MANY great items on silent, super silent, and live. New auctioneer this year ... Alex Miller. THANK YOU to the hard work being done.</i>
<i>Fund-A-Need 2026</i>	<i>Was going to be transportation however, the project was NOT one for the Booster Club to tackle. After surveying both the faculty/staff AND students the fund-a-need will focus on _____ .</i>

Enrollment/Spirit

<i>Enrollment Task Force</i>	<i>SMiller - branding and marketing committee - NEW logo</i>
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Marketing

<i>Website - (1) TC website = contracted for 5 years will do a website revamp (2) Hutchinson Catholic Schools website = new ... both projects are with Solutio in Colwich ... share ideas</i>
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Alumni/Community

<i>CLASS of 1976</i>	<i>Working with the class of 1976 for their 50th class reunion this fall</i>
<i>60th Anniversary</i>	<i>In the THINK TANK alum priests come back to concelebrate a Mass followed by a social</i>

Counselor Report

National Honor Society

We inducted 28 students into National Honor Society today at all-school Mass.

Hutchinson Community Colleges' Fast Track Program

We have several students who will be taking advantage of HutchCC's FastTrack program.

Students experience 3-4 weeks of vocational skills - Students are paid \$10/hour and receive free college credits - Meals are provided.

State Assessments

State assessments are going well.

Scholarships

Samuel Pennycuff - CDOWK awarded Sam the Mary Sweet Teaching Scholarship - \$60,000 + 4 years guaranteed job in teaching ... he will be attending Benedictine studying theology

Blackburn Family Scholarship - New this year through the Diocese - Hutch CC student - will award the recipient during the HS awards assembly

Awards Assembly

High School Awards Ceremony is Monday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m.

Bacc Mass/Graduation/Promotion

Baccalaureate Mass is Thursday, May 7th at 9:00 a.m.

High School Graduation is Sunday, May 10th at 2:00 p.m.

8th Grade Promotion is Friday, May 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Religion Report

Retreats

Senior overnight retreat has been re-scheduled now as a single day retreat on April 9th at Pilsen. Father is still needing an additional chaperone. This wraps up the retreats for the year.

Lent

Stations of the Cross are held every Thursday. All school adoration and confessions will be after Spring Break. Campus Ministry students have been eager to lead the Stations.

Chrism Mass

Father took seven seniors with Sr. Maria Kolbe and attended the Chrism Mass at St Catherine of Sienna during Holy Week. A beautiful opportunity.

Word on the Street

Calendar/Communication

The calendar needs to up to date! Put TIMES on the calendar Parents are being asked to use the calendar as the main resource and it is lacking. Many frustrations arising on the calendar/communication.

Question: *When will the senior class receive communication on the expectations/schedule for graduation?* **Answer:** *Joe and Marcia are working on it.*

Prom/After Prom Planning

Need to rethink how "class sponsors"/parents are organizing/covering expenses and chaperoning prom/after prom.

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2026

