



Advisory Council Minutes

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

2/25/26

Members

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

Baseball

Question: How will it work to charge for attending a baseball game at Rice Park, particularly if Hutch High or another team is also playing? **Answer:** Regardless if there is another team playing we will charge for our guests the best we can. **Question:** Father Weldon asked if baseball practices/games could happen on the 2nd field at Our Lady of Guadalupe, opposite the softball. **Answer:** Unfortunately, this would be a great idea to consider in the fall, now; however, it would be a rush. At this time, the plan is for Trinity to play on Field #2 at Rice park if Hutch High plays. Discussion included - do softball and baseball play games on the same night yes they do. As well, do we think if the softball girls would "switch" fields with baseball that the field would be suitable for baseball? What are the required measurements for a baseball diamond? All things to be further discussed should it still be of interest in the future. Overall, it would positively affect BOTH Trinity Catholic AND OLG to be held on the same set of fields. **Question:** What about the TC owned land behind Starbucks ... is it large enough and suitable for a baseball/softball "complex." **Answer:** was unknown, however, Joe Godina will look into it. As well, look into the needed measurements for baseball and softball diamonds to be KSHSAA approved. **Question:** Do we pay to use Rice park? **Answer:** No. Further comments made regarding the quality of

field #2, primarily the pitching mound. TC needs to make an appeal directly to Hutch High AD and Hutch Rec impose on the city the importance of making the mound the correct size for high school. It is a safety issue. **Question:** The league decided on the cost as well as imposed charging at softball and baseball does HOAL get any of the gate money? Rosa **answered** NO the gate money at ALL sporting events pays for refs, workers, etc.... only for KSHSAA post season events do we pay out a portion of the gate.

Unexpected Expenses

The heating and cooling repairs in the band room have been completed. Five Star from Wichita carried out the work at about half the initially expected cost. However, TC does require a replacement of a control box.

Business

Catholic Schools Week Survey Follow-Up

DOCUMENT ATTACHED - A SUMMARY OF THE RESULTS.

Discussion was had after reading through the survey results. TOP ITEMS TO ADDRESS: Communication/PowerSchool/Expectations for Teachers and Students/Relationships.

Next Steps These results will be shared with parents (Shannan will edit graphs beforehand) Joe and admin team will see what they can “tackle” while the advisory council will do the same. Will work then on specific solutions that can be implemented.

Enrollment Task Force

The meetings have shown their value. We are currently making action plans for what we can achieve moving ahead. The Diocese will be here to record video clips March 4th for enrollment at HC and TC. (Side note, they will be here to also take pictures for CDOWK annual report.)

School Improvement Team

A handful of faculty/staff/admin have joined together to work on school improvements. At the first meeting, the focus was on the offering of more electives AND homeroom/house/SOS.

2026-2027 Calendar

Joe shared a “tentative” 2026-27 school year one-page calendar.

Question: Is it possible to start after the Holy Day in August? **Answer:** Set by the Diocese **Question:** Are we on the same calendar as Holy Cross? **Answer:** As this year, Holy Cross teachers are part of the LETRS training (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) is an intensive, evidence-based professional development program for educators, focusing on the "science of reading," including phonics, phonemic awareness, and comprehension. It involves 160+ hours of training over two years, often funded by states, and helps teachers improve literacy outcomes through research-backed methods) which gives them a slightly different calendar.

Joe mentioned that the calendar needs some edits yet and that the schools are leaning towards the entire week of school off at Thanksgiving, so we, too, will not have any school and/or no Regan Institute. The Regan Institute (The Monsignor Charles W. Regan Catechetical Institute is a two-day spiritual formation event required every other year for teachers, counselors, and administrators within the Catholic Diocese of Wichita.) will not be as shown in February.

Development Report

Fundraising

Annual Fund	Goal \$125K - 129 donors = 25 same \$, 31 increased, 19 new, 32 recovered, 22 decreased \$114,300 UNRESTRICTED and \$8,500 RESTRICTED 98% of our goal - ends June 30, 2026	\$122,800
Fulfill the Promise Campaign	Pledge Balance \$153K	\$500K + \$2 million
Auction (Booster Club Event)	SAVE THE DATE! April 18, 2026 "The Great Hall Gala" Invites mailed - additional name(s)? Worknights scheduled FUND-A-NEED - Transportation	

Enrollment/Spirit

Enrollment Task Force	SMiller - branding and marketing committee
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Marketing

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

Website - Hutchinson Catholic Schools Website via Enrollment Task Force

Newsletter - E-mailed end of January

Alumni/Community

<i>Past Parents</i>	<i>Past Parent Night February 20th @ HS Basketball</i>
<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

Drone Class/Club

We can offer a drone class/club through K-State Salina Campus should we choose/are able to make this happen

- *Open to any certified teacher*
- *Cost would be \$175 for teacher to take certification test*
- *Teacher would be trained May 25th - June 5th (online)*
- *TC would be able to offer UAS 114 for dual credit*
- *All plans/PowerPoints are provided*
- *No actual drone needed*
- *TC must commit by April 10th*

Pratt Academic Olympics

Kim Griffith took thirty-five high school students to compete in the Pratt Academic Olympics on Monday, February 23rd. The Pratt Academic Olympics is an annual competition hosted by Pratt Community College, bringing hundreds of high school students together to compete in academic, artistic, and technical events. Held in February, the event features, math, science, English, social studies, and specialized challenges like bridge building and photography.

- *TC earned 4th place overall in the larger entry division*

- TC had thirteen students who placed in the top 3 in their respective categories.

ACT

All juniors took the ACT yesterday (February 24th)

Religion Report

Retreats

Freshman retreat - Pure and Simple Truth for Youth Group - focus on the whole human person.

Sophomore retreat - CLAY Retreat with Father H. Setter - focus on forming into the person God wants each of them/us to be.

Senior overnight retreat - scheduled at the KS Bible Camp - Wednesday, April 8th

Lent

Stations of the Cross are held every Thursday. All school adoration and confessions will be after Spring Break. The 7:15am Masses on Tues and Thurs have increased in attendance this Lenten season.

Word on the Street

Volunteers/Service Hours

*The few number of parents who get involved and/or volunteer is a problem. **Question:** Can we have a plan for mandatory FAMILY hours? Maybe revamp the student hours in the process. Booster Club President won't be able to require. It MUST BE administration to set the requirement. Janet E. will look/research to see what other schools are doing. Can families BUY their hours??*

*To get the parents more likely to say "YES" to volunteering, it may take a personal phone call. **Question:** Would we be able to print the directory of families and share? **Answer:** Yes. Irene Faudoa volunteered to connect with the Hispanic families.*

Crisis Plan

***Question:** When will the Crisis Plan be practiced with the student body? **Answer:** The crisis drill will be practiced with the students next week or the week after. This will be solely for educational purposes, meaning the teacher will at this time lock the doors, cover their windows, turn their "card" to green or red, take attendance, and discuss with the students what would actually happen "IF." Janet E. asked*

that after this one, do a “real drill” and send an email/letter to the parents explaining what will/did happen.

“On the Path” with Peg

Question: What is “On the Path” and can this be an opportunity ALSO for our HS students? **Answer:** Title \$\$ is used to have Peg come from St. Louis to work with our JH kids facilitating ideas and activities that will give our students encouragement and guidance as they walk their faith path. This could be something to be looked into.

Holy Cross and Trinity Catholic Connection

Some things to think about ...

Open Houses (ONE day when both schools invite in potential students and families) include McPherson families. Answer: it has been brought up at the Enrollment Task Force meetings need more information/planning. STUCO is working on a day when 6th graders come over AND Kim G. has a couple of open houses on Sundays scheduled.

Aligned Curriculum What is the academic JUMP between 6th and 7th grade? Is this the same JUMP with McPherson 6th graders coming over as 7th graders? Is there an aligned curriculum for the core areas so teachers know their objectives who is teaching what and when. What is required academically of our incoming 7th graders? Do the elementary schools know/understand these?

Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2026