

SJCS School Advisory Council

November 20, 2025

Meeting begins: 6:25pm

Present: Andy, Ms. Thompson, Pat, Phil, Angela, Beth, Erica, Meredith (virtual), Betty (guest)

Opening Prayer

Approval of October Meeting Minutes: Phil motioned to approve. Pat seconded.

Principal Report (Ms. Thompson)

- DCATS/CLEAR: Nominations are in. Exact numbers are pending; SJCS will have a good showing.
- Enrollment Dashboard: 289 students are enrolled. One is moving away next month, but by January we're expecting three new students, so our number will be 291.
- Ms. Thompson and Pat continue to work on a salary scale.
- SJCS is lending the school devices for parishioners to use for Simon Powell's surveys after the Masses.
- Ms. Thompson shared a memo that went out to all the SJCC groups with reminders about scheduling rooms and cleaning up. Example: after an event, take home your food or throw it away.
- Auction Updates:
 - SAC contribution: In the past, SAC pooled ~\$400 contribution/year. The Auction Chair, Megan Holmgren, prefers not to ask SAC for personal contributions. She wants SAC members to buy tickets, participate in the auction, and/or buy a centerpiece sponsorship individually as they can.
 - Honorary Chairs: They met with the Knights of Columbus and the Women's Guild for a tour. To connect with St. Vincent de Paul, they're going to try Andy Higgins.
- Town Hall Meeting:
 - December 11 at 8:00am and 6:00pm
 - SAC should attend
 - Andy will make a PowerPoint
 - We'll have a half-page agenda with our logo and colors
 - Topics to be covered (5-6 minutes each, 45 minutes total):
 - State of the School (Ms. Thompson): She'll issue the invitation to re-enroll (In past years, between 12-25 students have not re-enrolled, and our goal is to increase retention). She'll mention the nine positives highlighted by the Accreditation, as well as our goals. Our alumni are amazing, like the one who helped Nurse Duru with eye exams. Tuition will be set next year with an increase.
 - Finance (Phil): Through EANES and GAPS, we set aside a technology fund, made a donation to the church, and increased our endowment fund.
 - Parish/church/school life: Getting involved
 - TEFA vouchers (Michelle Smithson)
 - Volunteerism (Angela)

- Safety/Security (Ms. Thompson and Ms. Kim)

Financial Report (Phil)

- We reviewed the actuals for the three months ended 9/30/2025. Income and expenses are favorable to budget.
- We reviewed the Cash Analysis for the 2025 school year. We have available funds beyond our reserves.
- Two weeks ago, we completed moving money into the endowment fund, as we discussed. As a result, Michael George from the Catholic Foundation called Ms. Thompson to congratulate us on our great management of money.

Subcommittee Updates

Catholic Identity:

- CGS is seeking a plan to fund training new catechists. SJCS used to give \$1200/year to start up CGS, which came from the PTO gift, and for a while, the \$400/year training was funded by private donors. This year, one teacher will receive \$200 from PTO and \$200 from SJCS for the in-service.

Community Vitality:

- 35% of the school signed the SMART Families pledge! The class with the highest percentage of participation will get a party and a Visa gift card for the teacher. So far, PreK has 90% participation and 3rd grade has 80%.
- October Moms Club with the Women's Guild went well.
- January 26: Family Values spaghetti dinner
- January 25: Ignite Night. The parish and school Confirmation candidates will share a meal, play Human Scrabble, and talk about using gifts.
- Summer reading contest: We want to balance the students' summer IXL math/Xtra Math with plenty of reading.

Facilities:

- Steve Crane and Mr. Monoco are tag teaming while we look for a new Facilities Manager.
- The garage door is a weak point of security because the code gets shared. We could do a door reader to secure this entrance.
- We're looking into bollards.
- Steve is going to put together some numbers to update the ballasts for emergency lighting in case of a power outage.
- With the grant money, there's still the idea of the boiler, cameras, and door controls.

PTO/SAC Christmas Party January 10 at the Olesons' house

Closing Prayer

Meeting ends: 7:52pm