SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

School of Saint Mary Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the 2026-2027 School of Saint Mary Advisory Council was held on October 13, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Chairman Randall Snapp presiding. The following 2026-2027 members were present:

Fr. Stuart Crevcoure	Randall Snapp	Joby Wood
Fr. Vince Fernandez	Erin Brock-Atwood	Jeff Reh
Ray Lewis	Mike Cawiezell	Jack Stagg
Eileen Ames	Tim Dixon	Lauren Suarez
Sarah Edwards	Margo Griffin	

I. Call to Order and Welcome

- Meeting Called to order by 2025-2026 Chair, Randall Snapp

II. Opening Prayer and Formation — Fr. Stuart Crevcoure

Formation

- The Catholic tradition places a high premium on community. It teaches that God is not an isolated individual, but a Trinity of persons, a communion of love. It teaches that men and women, made in the divine image, are by their very nature social creatures who only come into their own when they enjoy all the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of being full members of a community. Communal worship around the table of the Lord in the Eucharist is the source and summit of life in the Catholic community, and human solidarity and concern for the common good are hallmarks of Catholic social teaching.
- St. Francis was committed to fostering life-giving communities and to extending the boundaries of those communities so that no one and nothing were excluded from them. He saw all of creation as one, big extended family. He chose to live in the world as a brother to all. He insisted that the friars were to love and care for each other as a mother loves and cares for her children. He sent his brothers on their missionary journeys not singly, but two by two, so that they might bear more credible witness to the gospel values of community and mutual affection. He sought to restore lepers, the poor and other social outcasts to full membership in the human community. And, by word and example, he tried to restore humanity itself to full membership in the cosmic community of "Brother Sun," "Sister Moon" and "Mother Earth." (St. Francis of Assisi, *Canticle of the Creatures*).
- Education is not only personal; it is profoundly communal. While it encourages individual achievement among its students and prods them to move beyond their comfort zones, it also provides a welcoming and inclusive home, a supportive community in which students are expected to participate in a spirit of mutual respect and to which they are expected to contribute in a spirit of mutual service. Franciscan education is committed to providing ample opportunities for common worship, and it seeks to comprehend, cherish and sustain the profound interrelatedness and integrity of all of creation. It takes place within a community of shared values, and it prepares its students to take their places in a global community as responsible citizens and careful stewards of the world's resources. *From the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn*

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III. September Meeting Minutes

- September Meeting Minutes reviewed via email prior to this meeting and approved unanimously by those present.

IV. Pastor's Report — Fr. Stuart Crevcoure

- A huge thank you to everyone in our church and school for another successful MaryFair earlier this month. It's a marvelous thing we do that brings all the members of the Saint Mary community together.
- Our third graders are preparing for Confirmation and 1st Communion on Sunday, October 25, joining with those from the parish in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. There is a retreat which begins the Thursday prior as part of CGS. This will be our second cohort as part of the diocese's move to restored order.
    - The third graders will process into Friday, October 30th school mass in their first communion finery to commemorate this moment and share it with the larger community.
- I intend to form a committee to do a small strategic planning process for the parish's Outreach Ministry and will have school representation involved. I see an opportunity for us to refine the vision for Outreach and expand volunteer opportunities for Christian service, which could include coordination with the school.

V. Principal Reports

A. Pre-School — Eileen Ames

No Enrollment Changes Since September:

- Enrollment Application has been sent for a T/Th Bunny for January start
- Waitlist in Frog and Fish classes currently

Budget

- 2026-2027
    - Budget looks good
- 2027-2028
    - Will begin to work on tuition models in November

Activities

- MaryFair Game was success
    - Donated stuffed animals tally = 10 Large black trash bags
- Field Trip to the Pumpkin Patch-October 7th/8th
- Fall Festival-October 28th/29th
- Trunk or Treat-October 30th
    - Preschool will be hosting a trunk
- Breakthrough Type 1 Diabetes [T1D] walk
    - A Mini Walk at St. Mary's-November 5th
    - Support Team Nora [Fish Class Student]
- Preschool Conference- November 4th\5th\6th

Facilities Update

- Frog Class shelves have arrived and been installed

B. Elementary and Middle School — Ray Lewis

Updates:

- Results from Fall MAP Testing were discussed and overall trends were reviewed. Strong performance was noted across all grades
    - Using this season's data as a benchmark for the rest of the year – aiming for all students to meet projected growth targets throughout year
        - MAP has personalized growth targets per student, and the school is working to review those and determine appropriate individual goals going forward this year
    - As a whole, students seemed to resist the typical 'summer slide'
- AI Policies
    - Policies for employees were promulgated on both church and school sides, disallowing use of AI for public communication purposes, giving proper guardrails for internal use
    - Students are not currently permitted to use any AI in school or for school
- The community raised nearly $6,000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital
- Mary Fair was an outstanding success and blew through some of our internal goals. Exact tallies will still require a few weeks of analysis.
- Cafeteria Aide job description has been completed, and position will be posted this week

Upcoming:

- Enjoy Fall Break, everybody.
    - School resumes next Monday, October 19th
    - Quarter 2 also begins on that date, and report cards will be processed and sent home that week.
- SOSM Faculty/Staff have a day of service at Catholic Charities on Thursday October 15th
- Postseason Volleyball Tournament in OKC is 10/24-10/25
- Confirmation and First Communion Mass for our current 3rd grade is Sunday, October 25th
- Re-Enrollment begins at Monday, November 2nd
- SOSM hosts monthly Principal's meeting on Tuesday, November 3rd
- Veteran's Day Assembly is 8:10am in the gym on Veteran's Day November 11th

VI. Committee Reports

A. Enrollment Report — Sarah Edwards

Total School Enrollment for 2026-2027 is unchanged from September:

- **255 enrolled**

Updated Screening Process

- For prospective 1st-7th grade students we are going to move to the MAP Screener as the entrance exam.
- Kindergarten will still use Brigance.

Important Dates

- Re-enrollment-November 2nd-20th
- Discover the School of Saint Mary- November 10, 2026
- Prospective Kindergarten Screening-January 11-15, 2027
- Kindergarten Fees and Paperwork Due-February 9, 2027
- New Parent Social- July 14, 2027

B. Budget — Tim Dixon

- Preliminary discussions have been held regarding budget planning
- Committee is set to meet on October 28th to finalize tuition proposal

C. Home and School Report — Erin Brock-Atwood

- The October Meeting was held on October 6, 2026, and had lower attendance than the previous meeting.
- We noted increased participation in grant voting with the new process, and we are excited to continue with this
- In furtherance of the school's commitment to service, the Christian Ministries committee has organized several events for October including:
    - Oct 6th - 2nd grade field trip to Meals on Wheels
    - Oct 13th - 8th Grade visits Catholic Charities to work in the garden and the Market
    - Oct 14th - 3rd grade visits Ronald McDonald House
    - Oct 21st - 5th grade walk and talk at the Gathering Place
    - Oct 27th - 1st grade pack blessing bags for COSMO
    - Oct 29th - 7th grade hosts the Encore Fall Luncheon
    - Oct 29th - 6th grade visits Little Light House and shares in Praise and Worship with their LLH buddies
- **Upcoming Events**
    - Trunk or Treat-October 30, 2026
        - Trunks are still needed
        - Candy donations are being accepted now
    - Bingo Night-November 20, 2026
    - Trivia Night-February 5, 2027
    - Father/Daughter Dance- April 9, 2027
    - Saint Mary Tennis Classic at LaFortune-April 23, 2027
- Next Home and School Meeting is Scheduled for November 3, 2026

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 PM

Next School Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2026, at 6:30 PM