

**PAC Meeting Minutes**  
**2/12/2026**

**Attendance:**

- **PAC Members:** Beth Berkowitz, Steve Bennett, Kara Farnham, Abigail Isbell, Tom Lieser, Jr., Mike McCafferty, Maggie Wuellner
- **Staff:** Vice Principal Beth Mock, Principal Jen Reker-Murphy, Fr. Jamie Weber
- **Absent:** Molly Bruegge and Marta Misleh

**Old Business:**

**A) November '25 Minutes (Maggie Wuellner)**

- a. Approved – Beth will post to the school website

**B) Principal Update (Jen Reker-Murphy)**

- a. Will not be rescheduling open house but will be opening the school for tours in March
- b. HALLOW App: Partnering with Haley Metzger to roll out the HALLOW app to staff & parishioners over the summer and to students in August at the start of the new school year
  - i. The HALLOW app supports the Catholic faith in many aspects but will primarily be used by the school to support prayer
  - ii. This will be funded through the “Health & Wellbeing” funds from the Gala
- c. iReady Performance ('24 – '25 School year)
  - i. Data cannot be broadly socialized per AOC guidance but is available
  - ii. Math (3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade): lowest grade score was 80%, total school was 91%
  - iii. Scores across the board outperformed all major neighboring and competitive Catholic schools
  - iv. Improved performance from all regular Math Club participants with all reaching goal – intervention is working
- d. HSPT
  - i. AOC average is 50%, St. Mary is 70% - AOC called Jen to congratulate her on their performance
- e. Kindergarten process
  - i. Prioritization: current school families, active parishioners, alumnae, Catholic applicants, all other
  - ii. They were able to offer spots to all current families and active parishioners this year
  - iii. Kindergarten not expected to be full – families declining enrollment and choosing to go elsewhere
  - iv. Revisiting registration process next year to explore solutions for more firm commitments
- f. Parent drop offs: Parents dropping off lunches, coats, homework, etc. is consuming for the office staff to manage and disruptive to classes. It's important for kids to learn from their mistakes. Jen would like to add a rule that parent drop-offs are not permitted. PAC is aligned to the recommendation.
  - i. Jen to send a communication to all families and add it to the student handbook
- g. '26-'27 Updates:
  - i. Theme: students came to JRM with recommendation of “Walk with Jesus” and she'd like to move forward with it. No PAC objections.
  - ii. Resourcing: adding 2 in-house positions

1. Curriculum Coordinator (Ellen Habel): will oversee all testing, reading/math improvement plans, data management, accreditation, auxiliary service payment, support Beth with EdChoice
2. Reading Specialist (Julie Dorr): have not had success with CPS resourcing so will be in-housing reading; will support K-6 full time (current resourcing through CPS is K-3 only and on-site only 3 days a week)
3. Teacher renewals are pending for next year but know currently that they will need to hire for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade
4. Math Interventionist: due to CPS challenges, JRM has been in contact with Hamilton County who historically has had much stronger resources; CPS can then contract out to Hamilton County if they find a resource

#### A) Pastoral Update (Fr. Jamie Weber)

- Active Parishioner Scholarship: will simplify the AP overview and communications to remove the benefits of being engaged and instead leverage “Meet the Teacher” or another opportunity to share that with parents
- Long-Range Planning:
  - i. Kicking off the process for a Capital Campaign to be led by new Director of Stewardship, Sarah McManus
  - ii. Priorities: worship, evangelization, corporal works; specific goals are still being set
  - iii. A desire for more unity within the parish families has surfaced throughout the process
  - iv. Fr. Jamie would like to have a meeting with PAC to align on the school priorities
    1. Maggie to work with Fr. Jamie, Jen and Beth to identify a date for an ad-hoc meeting specifically for this purpose

#### B) Parent Matters (Maggie Wuellner)

- Snow removal from surrounding streets: Given the volume of snow and limited space for removal, it is unclear where additional snow would be placed. We would also need to consider neighborhood and city implications before pursuing any outside service. Hyde Park Council would have lots to say about bigger piles of snow taking up their neighborhoods. I did see Grasshopper plowing and making places when people park on the street and giving them a walkway to the sidewalk on Friday.
- Snow day decisions: Weather decisions are made thoughtfully and with careful attention to forecasts, road conditions, and the needs of both students and staff. Families are always encouraged to make the decision that is best for their own situation when weather conditions are a concern.

#### Next Meeting Dates:

- March 26<sup>th</sup>
- April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- May 21<sup>st</sup>