

Meeting Attendees (P = Present, P=Present via Zoom, A= Absent)

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| P P P | Ronna Baca - Chair Matt Meyer - Vice Chair Kendric Olson - Secretary | Prayer for Annunciation Catholic School Heavenly Father, we praise you for the gift of Annunciation Catholic School and we ask blessings upon our students, parents, teachers, and staff. May Annunciation always be a place where your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is welcomed, loved, and adored. Pour out the Holy Spirit on our students so that they may grow in faith, wisdom, and service. Give us the courage to be joyful witnesses of the Gospel and may our joy attract many, filling the school to capacity. Help us to be like our great patroness, Mary the Mother of God, who always said “Yes” to your holy will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. |
| P PZ P | Father Bill Deziel – Pastor Kari Zobel - Principal Christy McFadden-Enrollment/Health | |
| A P A P P P P P P P | Katie Rye - Council Megan Scherf - Council Karne Newburn - Council Dan Brady - Council Kay Cameron - Council Kristin Carlson - Council Kris Kelly - Council Meggie Meyer- Council Molly Stommes - Council | |

I. Call to Order 6:30 pm Opening Prayer

- Approval of Agenda: Moved by Baca, Seconded by Kelly, no objections – Approved.
- Approval of September 2023 Minutes: Moved by Baca, Seconded by Brady, no objections – Approved.

II. Open Public Forum 6:35 pm

- Vice Principal Christine Spevacek was present for this meeting via Zoom, thank you for joining us.
- ASC email and/or in-person parent comments/concerns
 1. Demerits and dress code.
 - a. Demerits – Cameron offered thoughts from parents that she has received, including that some feel demerits are a “joke,” they are ineffective, and that they target boys and “neuroatypical” children. In depth discussion regarding discipline and demerits with Spevacek and Zobel offered helpful insights into understanding these issues. Discussion of who can give out demerits, how many demerits earn a detention, and options available during detention – service projects or quietly sitting before school. Discussion of the goals of discipline and how it fits into our Catholic faith.
 - b. Dress Code – Spevacek and Zobel again provided additional insight into the discipline protocols and how issues are addressed. In-depth discussion regarding the dress code occurred with Spevacek and Zobel offering helpful insights into understanding these issues. Winter weather health concerns and compliance issues related to shorts/skirts combined with sweatpants for recess in winter drove the change in policy. The school purchased new skirts/shorts to provide to students whose clothing is habitually not compliant with the dress code. Additional concerns of appropriate clothing appear on “out of uniform” days. The new policy provides greater

clarification of student expectations regarding dressing appropriately for the weather. Further discussion of potential underlying causes of uniform non-compliance and how best to address those issues, including offering counseling, were discussed.

2. First day drop off. There are reports of parents being put off by being unable to walk their kindergartener into school on their first day. We again discussed the balance of security and community connectedness/student retention, seeking to find a solution. Zobel is open to finding a solution that would allow new families to walk their children into the classroom on the first day or first week of school. Having student ambassadors at the doors to assist new students was discussed and may be an option. This issue will be re-visited by administration.

III. New Business 7:30 pm

- Academic acknowledgement in the Weekender – Cameron raised the point that we should be celebrating the successes of our students and should consider putting the Honor Roll recipients in the Weekender newsletter.
- Picture day new company option – Scherf presented information about a new vendor that we could consider for our school pictures, Slow Road Photos. Discussion of the costs and quality of the pictures led the group to agree that once the contract with Lifetouch expires that the administration should look again at this vendor.

IV. Old Business 7:40 pm

- Committee assignments and expectations were discussed. All committees should endeavor to meet independently prior to the next ASC meeting on October 10, 2023.

V. General Reports 7:45 pm

- Principal's report – Report provided at the meeting, detailing the Parent Information Night, 5th Grade classrooms, and future Parent Appreciation donuts, marketing efforts starting for the 2024-25 school year are beginning, and upcoming events like Trunk or Treat.
- Church updates – Fr. Deziel reported that Auxillary Bishop Izen would be coming to Septemberfest, where an announcement about the Centennial Fund will be made; OCIA (formerly RCIA) will be starting shortly; and about the need for Synod leaders.
- APO updates – Provided information about the future fundraising calendar and the donations to Fund-A-Lunch.
- Enrollment and Health Office updates - *Please read in advance*

VI. Committee Updates 8:00 pm – No Committee updates this month as all committees are only now fully staffed with the new members. All committees should meet prior to the next ASC meeting.

[Committee overview/duties and members](#)

- Facility/Campus Environment & Security
- Finance Committee
- Policy Committee
- Marketing/Events & Enrollment
- Strategic Long Term Planning

VII. Adjourn 8:05 pm Moved by Baca, Seconded by Cameron, no objections – Adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30pm