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DSCS Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

February 10th, 2026 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Tim Dubey, Vicki Malueg, Lora Schroeder, Hannah Shining, Hal Steffen, Shauna Laumann, Carla Schommer, Amy Dubey, Amanda Watry, Lynn Sauer. Absent: Angie Leider, Janine Morano.

Opening Prayer read by all at 6:30 PM.

Mission Statement read together.

Principal Report- Advisory Commission February 10th, 2026

WCSA Goals Update

- Domain A- 2.5 – Faculty uses the lenses of Scripture and the Catholic intellectual tradition in all subjects to help students think critically and ethically about the world around them.
- Domain B- 5.6-The governing body engages in formation and on-going training and self-evaluation for itself and the leadership team to ensure the faithful execution of their respective responsibilities.
 - Domain C-7.3 (Grounded in Gospel values,) Curriculum and instruction for 21st century learning provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to become creative, reflective, literate, critical, and moral evaluators, problem solvers, decision makers, and socially responsible global citizens. 9.2 Guidance services, wellness programs, behavior management programs, and ancillary services provide the necessary support for students to successfully complete the school program.
- Domain D- 12.1-The school's facilities, equipment, and technology management plan includes objectives to support the delivery of the educational program of the school and accessibility for all students.

Academics

- We were awarded a \$5,000 Love One Another Grant to purchase the *Foundations* readers that will help support our commitment to The Science of Reading. Those readers have arrived.
- Now that the second round of i-Ready testing has been completed, we are working as a staff to review the data and we are looking for ways to support our students to help them meet their growth goal.
- We are working on putting together a teacher committee to address our writing curriculum. Our goal will be to find common language that we can use across all grade levels and implement a more systematic approach to teaching writing skills.
- We are excited to welcome Father Ariel to DSCS. He started in classrooms last week Monday. He was not able to come this week, but we are expecting him next Monday.

Staff Professional Learning Community (PLC):

- Our teachers who teach reading continue to meet to discuss important Science of Reading information two or three times each month.
- At our January 21st staff meeting we met with our i-Ready training agent to learn even more about our i-Ready data.

Building & Grounds

- During the last cold snap, we had a furnace issue on the second floor. Willie Diederich and Tim Dubey worked together to get it fixed quickly.
- We have been having difficulties with door 8. The lock mechanism will allow a key to go in, but it will not turn to allow the door to unlock. Jenny Stemwell tried a few things, but those did not work. Tim Dubey will be looking at the lock.
- We were able to have our phone service install a double jack in the parish center. This will be used during fish fries for take-out orders. This will allow the school and parish offices to remain locked during the event.
- Carla Schommer is in the process of working on her gardening grant. Plans include raised garden beds, a greenhouse and more.

Tim mentioned that he's been working on quotes for new windows for the school. In previous meetings, possibly tinting the windows for privacy reasons had been discussed. It would cost \$8/square foot to have that done. Lynn stated that they could write extra money into the Bruce Krier grant to possibly cover this, that grant is due at the end of this month.

Personnel

- We are looking for more substitute teachers.
- Letters of intent have gone out. Teachers and staff need to return them by

February 20th.

School Safety

- We will be publishing the new EOP in this month and replacing the existing EOP's in all classrooms and offices. ● We are still waiting for the AED that is on backorder. Once it arrives it will be mounted on the 3rd floor. ● We will be re-keying the school building. We will also be having staff, volunteers and renters sign a key contract. We will be doing key checks yearly. We have a meeting with the locksmith scheduled
- Officer Santino has arranged Stop the Bleed Training for our staff on February 27th.
- We will be writing the Bruce Krier Grant to help finish up some of our safety initiatives. We will be asking for the rest of our security doors, new windows on all levels and the cost of rekeying the building.
- Four of our staff members will be attending a two-day reunification training on

February 16th & 17th

Mission & Catholic Identity

- Our theme this year is **Let Your Light Shine**. Each month we will focus on a different virtue or trait that will help us to let the light of Christ shine in our lives, in our school and in the world. During the month of September we

worked on letting our lights shine with: **Patience**. During October we let our lights shine with **Respect**. In November we let our lights shine with **Gratitude**. During December we were focused on being **Joyful**. During January we will work on **Self-Control**. This month we will focus on **Forgiveness**.

- We had a Taste Test Tuesday in January where the staff tasted all types of Doritos. Later this month we will have a Taste Test Tuesday and we will be sampling all types of goldfish crackers.
- On Friday, February 6th the staff took part in a bubble blowing contest in honor of national Bubble Gum Day. ● Our staff members have been taking part in a **Hallow** staff challenge each month. During January we were working on the **Daniel** challenge. This month we will be taking part in a **Lent** challenge.

- Our middle school students researched a Marian Apparition and created a diorama, slide show or poster to teach others about the apparition. They visited several classrooms to present their findings.
- We had a wonderful Catholic School Week! On January 25th our students sang at Mass and our middle school students presented projects that helped them reflect on their Catholic School and parishes. We also had a great turnout for our Catholic schools breakfast that day. On Tuesday that week we held our open house. We had lots of visitors and we served dinner. Texas Roadhouse donated rolls and salad and we made the spaghetti.
- Our Day of Giving Back was a huge success. We were able to collect \$5,170.00. This money will be used for field trips. Now our classroom teachers are getting to work on those service projects that were promised. We had good feedback about the “Giving Back” aspect.
- Our Sponsor a Classroom was a huge success as well. People were very generous. We collected \$17,000 to help support classrooms. We have one \$3,000 donation and another \$5,000 donation- what amazing generosity!

Returning/New Student Aug-93 Oct-94 Jan-95 Mar-96	96
Not Returning	12
New Families	3
Undecided/ No Response	3
New Siblings	10
Families	54

Marketing Report

January	11 Birthday Cards- \$8.03 postage (\$0.73)	Marketing Promo Bags Amazon- customized 200 ct. \$64.96
February		Belgium Easter Egg Hunt-TBD

Academic reports & information

The teacher leadership team spoke about the academic reports that the school uses. This year, the school switched to using iReady, which replaces the Iowa Basics. The Iowa Basics was 2 weeks of testing. With iReady, the results are broken down into different domains so the teachers can really see where a student has strengths/weaknesses. iReady is used for grades

5K-8th. 3K & 4K use something called ESGI. Students in all grades from 3K-8th are given writing prompts so the teachers can see how well the students write, with 3K-5K being more oral responses. This year's writing prompts are focused on informational writing.

Curriculum report

The leadership team is working on writing a new curriculum review as many have changed recently due to grants. The teachers talked about some of the different programs that the school uses, including Foundations (science of reading, phonics), Bridges (4K-4th math), and Foss Science.

Extra-curriculars

The school offers several different extra-curriculars, including cooking, sewing, CAD, volleyball and Rosary Club. It was noted that many students participate in sports offered through NOSD.

Social/emotional updates

Community Care Resources comes in 2 times per month to assist students who may be struggling with social/emotional issues. They have 3 groups, and they discuss things like emotional reactions and anger management. Funding for this is covered under the Catholic Community Foundation Grant.

Closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Submitted by:
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