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DSCS Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2026 – 6:30 PM

In attendance: Tim Dubey, Vicki Malueg, Hannah Shining, Carli Reuteler, Angie Leider, Shawna Laumann, Joslyn Huiras, Jacob Birenbaum, Bobby Slocum, Amanda Watry, Carla Schommer, Lynn Sauer. Absent: Janine Morano, Kim Knetter.

Opening Prayer read by all at 6:37 PM.

Mission Statement read together.

Principal Report- Advisory Commission May 19th, 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

- Our writing committee has started collecting samples for the 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.
- Our staff will be reviewing our i-Ready data and our writing data to assess growth and plan for future instruction. **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.
 - Our teachers are reviewing math & science standards in preparation for more work with the standards next school year. The Archdiocese will be replacing our current standards with the Wisconsin state standards. There will also be a Catholic identity aspect to the standards.

Building & Grounds

- Carla Schommer is in the process of working on her gardening grant. Plans include raised garden beds, a greenhouse and more.

Personnel

- We are looking for more substitute teachers.
- Amy Dubey will be leaving DSCS. We are looking for a math & science teacher for next school year. **Lynn noted that a potential candidate was coming in on Friday to observe.**
- Lindsay Diederich is stepping down as the lead 3k teacher. Jessi Eischen will be taking over as the lead teacher.

School Safety

- We are still in the process of publishing our new EOP this month and replacing the existing EOP's in all classrooms and offices.
- We have received a \$110,000 Bruce Krier Grant to help finish up some of our safety initiatives. We will be replacing the rest of our security doors, new windows on all levels and rekeying the building. **Largest grant ever submitted**
- On April 22nd our Middle School students participated in CPR training. Our staff had training that day as well. **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 worked on **Self-Control**. In February our focus was on **Forgiveness**. In March we let our light shine by **Evangelizing**. In April we let our lights shine with **Responsibility**. This month we will let our lights shine with **Prayer**.
- Mrs. Schommer & Mrs. Riesselmann did an excellent job preparing our 2nd graders for 1st Communion. Our students made their First Communion on April 26th & May 3rd.
- Our middle school students have been working on performing Random Acts of Kindness all school year. They have been doing 4 acts of kindness each month and reflecting on how those acts of kindness connect to our Catholic Social Teachings. So many acts of kindness this school year!
- Grandparents Day was a fabulous way to let our light shine! Mass was a great way to start the day. Our students prepared 3 wonderful concerts and our PtA hosted a delicious brunch for all of our grandparents. We had 175 grandparents attend this year.
- We have enjoyed our time with Father Ariel. Since January he has been coming into our classrooms and talking with all of our students. He will not be with us next year, but we will cherish our time with him until the end of the year!
- We held a Jam & Jelly food collection for the Port Washington Food Pantry. Our goal was 100 jars. We were able to collect 79 jars of jam and jelly.
- Safe Environment Week was at the end of April. DSCS celebrated this with a prayer service, planting pinwheels in the front of schools and spending time with our buddies doing activities that promote a healthy community. ● May Crowning was on May 7th. Our 2nd grade students took the lead on this beautiful May tradition. All of our students and staff were able to add a flower to honor Mary at the start of Mass.
- On May 7th our Rosary Club led the school in praying the Rosary. Chloe, Ariana & Madison were the Rosary leaders. They have all been very dedicated to Rosary Club since it first started!
- On May 22nd we will hold our annual Memory Garden Prayer Service. Families are submitting names of loved ones who have passed away and we are creating a stone for our garden. We will gather as a school at

Returning/New Student	100
Aug-97 Oct-98 (Emersyn Kuehl) Jan-99 (Chloe Wahl) Mar-100 (Emmitt Anhalt)	Lynn noted that the 3K class for next year is not completely full
Not Returning	14
New Families	7
Undecided/ No Response	2
New Siblings	10
Families	57

Marketing Report

April	6 cards- \$4.38 postage (\$0.73)	2 Folders- \$6.00	Vistaprint- 50 customized yard signs w/stakes Used \$50 off code and Free Shipping- \$480.00 Amazon- You've Been Flocked kit for over summer \$54.33
May	8 cards- \$5.84 postage (\$0.73)		

Academic Report

Vicki Malueg presented information showing testing results from September, January and end of the school year. The results shown were from grades K5-8th. Significant progress was shown from the beginning to the end of the year. The teachers mentioned that the new i-Ready program informs teachers much more about where their students are than the Iowa Basics testing. Vicki then shared information about the schoolwide writing prompt. This year was focused on informational/explanatory writing.

Survey discussion

Angie Leider presented information on different surveys the school could do to get parent feedback. Angie has been on the Recruitment & Retention committee the past few years, and worked with Lynn to identify different themes for potential survey questions based on Advisory Commission & teacher feedback. She suggested doing 3 different surveys. There would be a "pulse check" survey in December/January right before enrollment to check in with parents. A

comprehensive survey would follow towards the end of the school year, with the goal of this survey to get deep feedback from parents, and then staff would have the summer to act on any issues. An exit survey was also suggested, to get a feel for why students are leaving. It was decided that the surveys should be discussed further for next year.

Discuss Advisory Commission Planning Calendar/End of the Year Reflection

Reflection on things that were done well this year and things to keep the same or improve for next year.

Celebration for those leaving PtA chairperson position or Advisory Commission & welcoming of new members

Many thanks to Hal Steffen, Janine Morano and Kim Knetter who are leaving the Advisory Commission/PTA Chair roles. Janine and Kim were not present, but Lynn presented Hal with a small gift for his time on the committee. Lynn recognized 2 new members of the Advisory Commission - Shawna Laumann and Bobby Slocum. She also recognized Carli Reuteler as the new PTA President, Nicole Bishop as the new Fall Trivia Chairperson, and Jason & Amy Kell as the new Fish Fry Chairs. Alexia Birenbaum, Joslyn Hurias, Tara Bieber, & Alex Sutinen have all taken on PTA Chairperson roles as well.

Future Topics:

- **Cover School Budget**
- **Mission Reflection**
- **Review of Advisory Commission responsibilities**

Closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by:
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