

**Annunciation Catholic School  
Advisory Council  
Established February 2012  
Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2025**

**Members present (in-person and via Zoom):** Marcie Mills (Chair), Don Raiff, Sharon Pristash (Principal), Andrew Krahe, Jen O' Neill, Marcia Balestrino, and Dena Wholey

**Members absent:** Chris Baasten and Marty Roop

**Opening**

- Prayer and Mission Statement
- January minutes approved

**Pastor's Report**

- Fr. Chad reported that the kitchen is ready for Lent, and Fish Frys will be hosted.
- Senior living project is progressing, but concerns remain regarding school safety as this is a new concept of developing senior living on elementary school campuses. Father Chad will try to contact the Developer but Dioceses remains in charge. There has been communication at masses. Father Chad will try to address the Council's safety concerns with the Developer.

**Operational Review**

**Principal's Report**

- Dr. Pristash reviewed acceptance rates for 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high schools.
- There is a school closing in Cave Creek, which may increase demand at ACS.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> teachers will return their intent to return forms for next year.

**Finance**

- Tuition rates and operating budget were approved at last meeting. Finance Council requested additional recommendations from Advisory Council regarding faculty compensation. A discussion ensued and a recommendation was made.
- Next Finance Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 3; Dr. Pristash and Marcie will present the recommendation regarding faculty compensation.

**Development**

- No updates

**PIE (Parent Involvement & Engagement)**

- The annual gala will be held at Grayhawk with a 220-person capacity, offering a more cost-effective option than hosting at the school. A shift from basket raffles to class parties aims to enhance community engagement.
- The school play, *The Wizard of Oz*, will take place March 21-23.

**Educational Improvement Plan**

- Dr. Pristash and Marcia gave an overview of the merged EIP and Strategic Plan.

- The bylaws needed to be updated, since the two documents were merged. A motion to update the bylaws was approved.

### **Safety & Security**

- Teachers are being trained on the new security app.

### **New Business**

- Health protocols were discussed, and no changes are needed. A spike in illness among first and fourth graders was noted but not alarming.

### **Old Business**

- Fr. Chad will explore adding a parish representative to the council.
- Council members were asked to submit bios.

### **Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.
- Next Meeting: April 28, 2025 (due to Easter) at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by A. Krahe