St. Thomas the Apostle School Board Meeting Minutes 10.13.2026

Prayer by Ryan Corcoran

Mission Moment by guest Ainsley Kumar. Ainsley, a current STA parent, spoke about her experiences with St. Cecilia's Catholic School in Omaha Nebraska. She highlighted the following things that make St. Cecilia's a great school:

- Diversity of students and families
- Service requirements for parents (15 hours) and a Day of Service for grades 3-8th that engages their diverse neighborhood
- Community celebrations and events include Fall Festival, Bingo, Mac and Cheese cookoffs (Lent),
- Strong music programing, with an all-school musical every year that includes songs by each class and choreography
- Comedy and Cuisine is their annual fundraiser and auction it is chaired by two couples who host the event
- Spirit Wear Wednesdays

There were no visitors

Ryan Corcoran gave an update on the Federal Tax Scholarship that has yet to be signed for Michigan. Governor Witmer has until January 1st to opt in and the expectation is that she will after the November election. The diocese and other non-public schools are working to build awareness and the infrastructure (specifically SGOs) to accept donated funds.

Jamie McCabe gave an update on uniforms based on her conversations with My A+ and Lands End. We now have sample sizes for nearly all plaid My A+ items and Lands End has in store samples for everything. Using these samples should make ordering less risky (prone to returns). Both retailers offer sales and it was decided that these should be promoted by the school where possible

- My A+ has sales in June and for Catholic Schools Week
- Lands End has periodic discounts that are significant

Partner Organization Reports:

- Finance, the budget process is getting started for 27-28
- Education Foundation had a successful kick off to their Excellence in Education campaign (see Betsey's report for more information).
- Home and School noted that the new parent party was successful and stock the lounge is underway for both the primary and preschool campuses

- Boosters is about to launch the Spirit Shop and giving out free t-shirts to all students. Planning is underway for the Euchre tournament and Golf Outing. And they currently have 6 members

Committee/Organization Reports

- Policy and Planning, Rita is starting to tackle the student handbook
- Building and Grounds, Josh is working on drawings for the new entryway
- See Cammi's report for Development and Outreach

Principal Report

- MAP testing is complete and is aligned from K-8th
- Strategic Plan is underway with Sue Hass Williams
- Overages for Auction will be determined by committee
- Looking to add part time ESS staff to support an additional 2 potential students (whose tuition will pay for the staff)
- Hot lunch has not seen a significant bump in demand. Per Jerimiah, the cold lunch kids are "ride of die".

Present: Ryan Corcoran, Jeremiah Sluggett, Shannon Dickenson, Molly Kennedy, Jamie McCabe, Rita Maddox, Nick Freylber, Josh Symanski. Ashley Emmerson, Claire Delgado

Absent: David Dakoske, Jake Smith, Cammi Lawrence, David Shankin, Betsy Edgerton, Mark Fjelsted, Matthew Jennings, Mary Vonck, Genevieve Boyle, James Wilson, Fr. Stephen.