

BCA School Board Meeting 9-10-2025

Opening Prayer

Welcome from Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Geisert

Updates: The school has a new teacher for 6th grade, her name is Mrs. Young and the school also implemented a new title one teacher as well. Her name is Gina Cox. The Fran center will provide council and do young group conflict resolution sessions with students. The center also offers peer mediation and an onsite councilor. Mrs. Tracey advised there will be an email sent out to show and tell of new updates for parents. Enrollment is up particularly in grades 3rd and 7th. Tours are being booked with the school for prospective parents. There is a combination of new students and former students returning after leaving last year. Grandparents' day was a great success and fun for all those who attended. There were roughly around 140 grandparents for lunch. Mrs. Geisert had the idea of bridging the parish hospitality with student involvement. Each grade will be responsible for 1 Sunday out of the month to host Mass hospitality. Email reminders will go out to the class that is responsible for hospitality. Last Sunday the 5th grade class hosted hospitality after Mass. The students, parishioners and parents really enjoyed being at Mass together and hosting together. The 5th grade students felt important and now have an excitement to attend Mass more often. The school website will have the school board members' names and minutes posted for all to see. Twice a year there will be a forum for those who are not on the board to present their concerns but no more than 10 minutes for discussion. This year we will continue to focus on the three pillars as last year: Marketing, Catholic Identity, and Strategic Planning.

Security detail: Mrs. Tracey and Mrs. Brown reached out to two security companies for quotes and to do a walk around the building. One came out and the other came out this week to assess what the school needs. Once we know what each quote is and how much money is needed, we will then figure out fundraising. The security services quote also will review church safety and security. The security we have in place is a state-of-the-art camera system. The school has 9th district police come out to conduct drills along with the fire department once a month for routine fire drills. Exterior doors are closed and always locked, and classroom doors are closed. There is a fob system installed so all doors can be safely opened, and the fobs can be immediately cancelled at any time if need be. Every exterior door is watched and monitored during morning drop off. No adults can just wander in and walk around the school. Mrs. Rebecca and Stephanie act as a buffer to ensure no unauthorized personnel walk in. Mrs. Tracey and Amanda are outside during the morning drop off helping students into school or safely cross the street. If there is anyone willing to help with the crosswalk please reach out to Mrs. Tracey as your help would be greatly appreciated. Dismissal for the older students

is now in the front instead of the alley way like last year. Church safety – the idea to have church doors locked if you are late to school Mass. This idea will be revised based on the results of the security analysis of the school and church.

Marketing: The idea of having an open house in the fall as well as spring to bring more visibility and interest to new and prospective students. Perhaps having one in November to get ahead of many other schools and be first on people’s radar. The idea of hosting a Baby Bandit event as well in the fall months to help bring in interested parents and children to meet. If it is a success, then continue to host this type of event once a month. This type of meeting would either be after school or even after Mass so the kids can run around and play. CC is offering to take the lead on this project and is excited to see how this will or could pan out. The discussion of marking continued with the idea of having street banner signs advertising our school. Much like how St. Jerome’s has we should have vinyl signs as well. CC also volunteered to lead this project. Potential areas would be around 35th and Wallace and Halsted streets. The board agreed to purchase Google key works that help the school stick out when one Googles BCA. Lawn signs, car magnets, notebooks and yeti cups were ideas thrown around other ways of marketing the school and showing off BCA pride.

Next school board meeting will take place October 8th 2025 in the teachers lounge.