

School Advisory Commission  
130 Main Street  
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

**Agenda Notes**  
**January 15, 2026**  
**6:00pm**

**Attendees Representing Term**

Father Ray Guthrie-Pastor	
Dave Wieters- Principal	
Kirsten Janikowski- Chairperson	
Hans Hochstrasser- Vice Chairperson	2025-2
Kellen Patrick- Member at Large	2025-2
Rachel Lynch- Member at Large	2025-2
Heide Gaskins- Member at Large	2025-2
Kristen Wilson- Parent Alumni Representative	2025-2

**Roles:**

Facilitator- Dave Wieters  
Note Keeper- Kristen Wilson  
Time Keeper-Kristen Wilson  
Absent- Rachel Lynch, Hans Hochstrasser  
Guests- Home and School members and parents

**Meeting Objectives:**

Objective 1- Prayer/ Mission Statement/Meeting Norms  
Objective 2- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
Objective 3- Visitor's Comments  
Objective 4- Pastor's Report  
Objective 5- Principal's Report  
Objective 6- Teacher's Report  
Objective 7- Home and School Report  
Objective 8- Old Business  
Objective 9- New Business

**Prayer:** All members

**Mission Statement:** Dave

**Meeting Norms:** Dave

**Approval of the November SAC Minutes:** Kellen

**Approval of the January Agenda:** Kirsten, Kristen

## **Reports/Comments**

### **Visitor's Comments:**

This month's meeting was a combined meeting with Home and School. Home and School members, parents, and Mrs. Pechous were in attendance at our meeting. Both committees expressed gratitude for sharing the time together.

### **Pastor's Report:**

No report

### **Principal's Report:**

- 1. Admissions and Enrollment-** The current enrollment is 125 students. We welcomed a new student in the 3K class.
- 2. Building & Grounds-** The construction is moving forward as planned. The building was assessed for asbestos. There was some present, but it was not friable. It was removed over Christmas break. There was no asbestos found under the tile.
- 3. Catholic Schools Week:** Dave provided a detailed handout outlining the daily events that are happening for the week. There are some cool activities going on during the school day such as the pancake lunch, spelling bee, reptiles assembly, mass at Catholic Central High School, scavenger hunt, and a student versus staff volleyball game. Parents are encouraged to come watch the spelling bee and volleyball game!
- 4. Grants-** Dave continues to work with Symphony Advancement. The programs being discussed are the Before care and After care school program, Get Kids Ready 4K program, outfitting the new STREAM Lab, School safety, and Technology. Dave said with the funds from the "Giving

Tuesday” donations, we were able to get a new smart board for one of the classrooms! Dave’s goal is to get smart boards for every classroom.

- 5. Liturgy-** The grades leading the school masses are as follows:
  1. January 15th will be 7th grade
  2. January 22nd will be 7th grade
  3. January 25th (Sunday) will be a school mass at 10:30. Students are encouraged to attend.
  4. January 28th (Wednesday) mass will be at Catholic Central High School at 9:30am. Celebrating Catholic Schools Week together.
  5. February 5th will be 5th grade.
  6. Catholic Schools Week Prayer Service is T.B.A
- 6. Marketing-** SFDS was awarded the Love One Another School Grant in the Mission and Catholic Identity category for \$20,000! The award requires SFDS to work with the Archdiocese Director of Communications and Marketing Christopher Schulteis. Dave will be working with Symphony Advancement as well. There is a New Student Incentive Referral Program starting next year! Families that refer a student that enrolls and completes a year at the school can receive a \$1,000 tuition credit.
- 7. Parent Teacher Conferences-** The conferences will be held on Thursday, February 5th from 1:20pm-7:00pm. The middle school teachers and specials teachers will hold conferences in the gym. The 4K teachers will hold conferences in the Maker Space.
- 9. Policy Update-** A new law (Wisconsin Act 57) requires schools that receive a credible report of alleged sexual misconduct by a school staff member, to notify the parents, when there is reasonable cause to suspect the conduct occurred.
- 10. Special Needs Scholarship Program-** Sfds is considering applying for this program. It’s a state funded school choice/voucher program that allows students with disabilities to attend private schools.
- 11. Wisconsin Parental Choice Program-** There are some changes being made for the 2026-2027 year. There are 9 changes total. These changes are:
  1. No more student participation limits.
  2. Available Open Application Periods.

3. Documentation must be provided during the monthly open application period.
4. Parents can apply during multiple open application periods.
5. Schools will determine who is given a choice seat.
6. Application priority
7. Schools will manage the choice waiting lists for their school.
8. Attending a different participating school when a student moves.
9. Income eligibility still applies.

\*\*\*Dave gave a summary of each change on the agenda handout.

### **Teachers Report:**

The fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Vicky Froelicher, was the teacher representative for this month's SAC meeting. She reported that the teachers are preparing for report cards. She also said the teachers appreciate parent feedback and communication. Please encourage the parents to keep teachers in the loop and informed of any student news, happenings, or other important information that could have an impact on their learning.

### **Home and School Report:**

The Home and School President, Liz Reibel, reported on the Advent breakfast and the Lake Geneva Light Parade. Upcoming events include the Pancake breakfast, Daddy Daughter Dance, Mother Son Bowling, and Auction preparations.

### **Old Business:**

No old business.

### **New Business:**

No new business.

### **Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th, 2026 at 6pm. The meeting ended at 6:45pm.

For next month:

**\*\*\*Wonder:** Why was this month's meeting combined with Home and School? Dave are you able to elaborate and will we continue to have our own meeting sessions or will that be changing?

**\*\*\*Wisconsin Act 57:** What was the law before this? Did one exist? Is there a law that this one is replacing?

**\*\*\*Dave,** are you and Father Ray making the decision to apply for enrollment in the Special Needs Scholarship program or are you going to solicit parent input? Can you talk about the screeners that will be used or put in place to accept or deny students? What are the guidelines established by the program that allow SFDS to exit a student currently enrolled? Will this be added to the parent handbook for parents to be aware of?