Bishop Neumann School Advisory Board

Minutes

Date: November 12, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the President at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present:

- Rachelle Benkusky (Valparaiso)
- Karla Lechtenberg (Davey)
- Connie Thulin (Prague and Plasi)
- Mary Tenopir (Colon and Cedar Bluffs)
- Dan Hoss (Wahoo)
- Lori Alm (Mead)
- Tammy Sassaman (Wahoo)

Board Members Absent:

- Tobin Sprangler (Wahoo)
- Jordon Kavan (Weston Touhy)

Administrators Present: Bridget Doyle
Administrators Absent: Father Mills
Student Representatives: Lilly Wanser & Joe Wylie

Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2025 Meeting

Motion to approve by Mary Tenopir.
Seconded by Tammy Sassaman.
Minutes approved unanimously.

Old Business

1. Flocknote Communication

- Discussed including future Advisory Board meeting dates in Flocknote communications.
- Recommendation to list parish names instead of just towns for clarity.
- Updates to the website and communication materials to be implemented.

New Business

1. Water Provision and School Lunch

- Water was provided in Gatorade containers and made available in the administrator's office.
- Microwaves were available for student use.
- Bishop Neumann's lunch program differs from public schools, which operate under a lunch contract. BN's approach was considered appropriate and enjoyable for students.

2. Dress Code: Logos on Shirts

- Concerns about brand logos on uniforms (e.g., Nike).
- Students have been sent to the office for uniform violations related to logos.
- Handbook to be updated with photos to clarify dress code expectations.
- Proposal to unify dress code policies between St. Wenceslaus and Bishop Neumann schools.
- Suggested allowance of logos no larger than 1 inch, embroidered by an approved vendor (e.g., Rivalry).
- Approved companies for skirts and skorts remain unchanged.

3. Five-Year State Accreditation Visit

- Preparation underway for Nebraska Department of Education accreditation visit scheduled for January 19-20, 2026.
- Mrs. Doyle requested parent volunteers to assist with the accreditation process – advisory board members will assist.

4. Homecoming Feedback and Policy Review

- Student feedback was positive overall (reported by Lilly Wanser).
- Discussion on dress code enforcement: dresses were purchased with parental approval following handbook rules.
- Suggestions to improve communication and policy enforcement included:
    - Posting dress code rules earlier in the school year.
    - Implementing a signed guest permission slip to aid pre-approval.

    - Revising the handbook language for clarity to ensure parental understanding and accountability.
    - Emphasizing parental responsibility for compliance.
    - Mrs. Doyle to assist with enforcement.
- Additional suggestions included starting and ending homecoming earlier to reduce loitering and playing music earlier during the event.

5. Prom Planning

- Request to distribute Prom dress code guidelines earlier to allow sufficient preparation.
- Mrs. Doyle confirmed a Senior Letter will remind students and parents of dress code accountability.

Next Meeting

The next Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m

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Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.