

**St. Mary Education Committee**  
**July 15, 2026 – 5:30 pm**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kathy Webster, Mandy Wurth, Blake Cvengros, Lynn Thompson, Matt Durbin, Dr. Ed O’Neil, and Austin Smith

**Members Not Present:** David Gavin and James Medley

**Guest** – No guests in attendance

**Episcopal Vicar Present:** Fr. Mike Clark

**St. Mary /Diocesan Staff Present:** Holly Miller, Ashley Wright, Robin Mowers and Bryan Krueger

**Meeting Called to Order** – 5:30 pm

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Mike Clark

**Approval of Minutes** – June’s meeting minutes were approved with minor adjustments

**New and Pending Business—**

Introductions – Fr. Mike introduced Holly Miller as the new principal for the middle and high school. She hopes to address teacher concerns, including the use of technology and anti-bullying initiatives. She hopes to introduce a discipline matrix that will encourage better behavior in the classroom.

Open and filled positions - Kris Durfee was announced as the new Athletic Director. Emily Cvengros has joined St. Mary staff for Marketing and Communications. St. Thomas More staff, including Ann Morrow and Lisa Clark, will be assisting on campus with religion instruction and technology. A high school science position has been offered. We are searching for French and Orchestra instructors. The middle school is fully staffed for teachers. Elementary school only has preschool and aide positions open at the moment.

Athletic Handbook Updates and Approval – Current handbook is in compliance. Athletic Director Durfee has reviewed and will make minor adjustments to language.

Safety and Security – Window wrapping, vestibule improvements are still in planning stages. From the 2024 Homeland Security grant we have switched out parking lot lighting and we are getting quotes on the next stage of intercom work. Door alarm work/camera has begun. A monitor will be added to the director’s office.

**Strategic Plan Committee Reports** – Committees will resume meeting with the new school year. We are 2 years into the plan. We will work on a reporting rubric and revisit expectations of each committee.

## **Administrative Updates**

**Episcopal Vicar Update** – Fr. Mike shared results of the 2026 Survey on Life and Faith of Youth in the Diocese of Owensboro. The survey was conducted in Spring 2026 by the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro. 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth were asked to participate and results were provided by Charlie Hardesty, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Fr. Mike also discussed the need to appoint a new Non-Catholic SMEC member.

**Director Updates** – Bryan Krueger shared the state of the school and facility. He has met with staff to discuss any repairs needed. He discussed how staff positions might change with the school's changing needs. Working to change orientation of speakers in the gym to hopefully improve the acoustics there.

**Principal Updates** – New carpet has been laid in the Elementary library. We are looking for a new school nurse.

**Advancement and Enrollment** - Ashley Wright provided an advancement report and current enrollment numbers.

**Finance** – Audit readiness project has affected the availability of June numbers. June and July numbers will be approved/ready to submit by the August meeting.

## **Announcements –**

7/22/2026 -A system wide meet and greet will introduce Holly, Bryan and Kris at 5:30pm in the HS commons.

8/3/2026 – Meet the Teacher

8/4/2026 – A teaching mass for faculty and staff

8/5/2026 – First Day of School

**Next SMEC Meeting** –August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Closing Prayer** Fr. Mike Clark led a closing prayer

**Meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.**