

**Holy Family Catholic Schools**  
**School Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Schrup Family Board Room**

**Members Present:** Fr. Rosonke, Fr. Quint, Jeff Weber, Annie Murphy, Rennie Root, Isabelle Pattarozzi, Mike Dodds, John Callahan, and Kevin Mullen

**Holy Family Staff Present:** Phil Bormann, Nolan Funke, Krystal Hollander, Jeff Rusch, Christin Smith, Daniel Thole, Jamie Marshall, Katie Bormann, Zoe Houlihan, and Bob Noel

**Guests:** Joe Splinter, Aaron Skrocki, Jason Adams, Stephanie Mettillie, Chris Theisen, Tom Giese, Tim Tranel, Chad Ellis, Mark Fassbender, and Ben Mumm

The meeting began with prayer at 5:00 p.m.

**Food Service Update**

Christin Smith presented. The committee received an update on recent nutrition program audits and operational highlights. The two audits recognized the organization of meal service operations, strong supervision, and proper completion of required documentation. Corrective action items were identified, including ensuring there is no surplus income and updating the system used to document training records for Eagle Camp staff.

Additional updates included progress and use of facilities at Resurrection campuses, with positive feedback shared regarding the open cafeteria space and natural lighting at St. Columbkille. SJTW is also preparing to utilize its updated space. The nutrition program currently serves approximately 1,500 meals daily across all sites.

The committee also reviewed menu updates planned for the 2025–2026 school year, including accommodations for special diets, sack lunches for field trips, and staffing support through a strong substitute pool of retired staff members. Wahlert menu updates were also discussed.

Committee members expressed appreciation for the leadership and organization of the nutrition program. Christin shared that she feels well supported in the role. The committee commended the operational improvements made over the past several years, including bringing all kitchen sites online, managing successful audits, and achieving significant financial and organizational progress.

**J-Term to May-Term**

The committee discussed a proposal to transition Wahlert's current January-term program to a May-term model based on feedback from teachers, students, and families.

May Term will be a two-week experiential learning period held in May, following AP exams and senior graduation, and before the end of the school year. Students will continue to have the same opportunities as J-term. Students who have been planning for an international experience will still have those opportunities available.

Due to the unique circumstance of a transition year, the Class of 2027 seniors could still enroll in a May Term course. While May Term is not a requirement for the Class of 2027, they would be invited to opt-in and enroll in any course offering that interests them.

This shift would allow Wahlert to preserve valuable instructional time leading up to AP and ACT exams while maintaining a stronger academic rhythm throughout the year. It would create more consistent opportunities for off-campus and experiential learning with better weather and fewer scheduling challenges. In addition, this change will allow freshmen to benefit from an experience similar to what sophomores have had, while giving sophomores more choice in selecting experiential pathways that best fit their interests. To accommodate the reality that graduating seniors will not be participants in May Term, sophomores will join the juniors in being able to partake in the "full" May Term experiential learning experience.

Additional ideas included combining related courses and encouraging teachers to develop STEM- or robotics-based travel opportunities. Survey feedback from Wahlert staff showed strong support for the change, with 19 of 21 respondents in favor.

Committee discussion also addressed how to measure the effectiveness and academic rigor of the program moving forward. Daniel Thole emphasized the importance of competency-based learning, establishing clear outcomes for each course, and incorporating stronger academic and Catholic identity components beyond student surveys. Committee members noted the value of experiential learning in helping students explore career interests and develop engagement outside the traditional classroom. Questions were also raised regarding student motivation, scheduling, class sizes, graduation requirements, and ensuring appropriate experiences for each grade level as the program evolves.

The Board moved to approve May-term at the conclusion of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- **Jeff Weber moved to approve the March 19, 2026 School Board minutes as presented. Rennie Root seconded. The motion carried.**

## **Chief Administrative Report**

Phil shared his Chief Administrator Report. Highlights included:

- **Catholic Identity**: Work is being done to hire the next Director of Catholic Mission. Phil thanked Stephanie Klapatauskas for her work on continuing Andrea Kirby's videos.
- **Recruitment and Retention**: There are good numbers for recruitment, retention, and enrollment. Holy Family is confident to meet the goal of 1800 students for the next school year. ESA applications are being submitted to prepare for next year.
- **Academics and Activities**:
- **Facilities/Finance**: EC made a change from ProCare to Playground. Nolan Funke is doing an excellent job working with EC to help make this change. St. Joseph the worker is nearly completed. The OAC renovation has begun. Resurrection's South end demolition has begun.
- **Talent/HR**: Contracts are due soon, allowing a better picture of what the next year will look like for staffing and teachers.

## **New Business**

### **Verify Email Votes**

- **Fr. Quint moved to verify the email votes for the hiring of Annette Barton, Laura Virtue, and Ella Schmidt. . Fr. Rosonke seconded. The motion carried.**

### **Kathleen Nicholson Retirement**

The Board acknowledged Kathleen's retirement and thanked her for her many years of service to the Holy Family community.

### **Origin and Portzen Presentation**

The Board, Facilities, and Finance committees discussed the Platform for Excellence II project with Origin and Portzen.

A final blessing was given and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.