

## Saint Andrew Catholic School Advisory Council Nominations are Now Open

### What is an Advisory Council?

The school advisory council was one of the most significant developments in Catholic education since Vatican II. The council enables Catholic educators and parents to work closely together for the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual development of students. The council operates in an advisory capacity to the pastor and principal in the formulation of policy to govern the local school.

### Eligibility Requirements for Advisory Council Members:

- A lay person who is a registered member of a parish in the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth and who is in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church
- Must be at least 25 years of age
- Must be able to fulfill a term of 3 consecutive years

### Expectation of the Advisory Council:

- To operate in an advisory capacity as consultants to the pastor and principal in order to help develop quality education programs

### Expectation of Council Members:

- Attend regular monthly meetings and additional special meetings or presentations supported by the Advisory Council
- Participate on a committee and attend committee meetings in addition to regular monthly council meetings

### The Advisory Council is Supported by the Following Motivations:

- To promote the concept of lay ministry by participating in the ministry of Catholic education
- To develop ownership and stability for the future by maintaining well-developed plans and policies
- To offer financial advice to the pastor and educational administrators by acting as a positive force for dealing with the financial needs of today and planning for the future
- To develop and defend policy by providing general direction to the principal and by insuring that diocesan education policies are implemented at the local level
- To serve as a good public relations source by acting as a positive voice on behalf of the Catholic school that the members represent
- To enable the principal to spend adequate time as an educational leader by participating appropriately in the life of the school
- To provide parents/guardians with a voice in their children's education by offering a formal forum to participate in the decisions affecting them
- To encourage strategic planning by assuming planning responsibilities

If you are interested in becoming a member of the St. Andrew Advisory Council, please prayerfully consider the following questions and submit your answers to Keri Steele and Mindy Battenfield:

- Why do I value Catholic Education?
- Consider your past and present activities at school and parish.
- What personal gifts would I bring to the council and school?

To share your interest and questions, please contact the following advisory council members:

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