

## **Board of Education Public Summary**

### **St. Gabriel the Archangel**

#### **Parish Board of Education**

#### **Public Summary of the 2024-2025 School Year**

**The Board of Education works closely with our school staff and administration to cultivate the mission of the school to its fullest extent. The Board is proud to have supported St. Gabriel the Archangel School through another school year with key actions outlined below. We look forward to the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Education:** One of the major responsibilities of the Board is to support the educational goals identified by school faculty and administration to “develop the whole child,” academically, emotionally, and in the Catholic Faith. This year, the education committee focused on finalizing the school improvement plan as part of our successful regular accreditation process and worked closely with the Technology Committee on ensuring technology updates in our school are in line with educational goals for our students.

**Safety:** The Safety Committee strives to assist the Pastor and the Principal in assuring the safety policies and procedures are up to date. In the last few years, the Safety Committee worked on a comprehensive safety plan for the school.

**Policy:** The Policy Committee conducted a review of the school handbook regarding the use of artificial intelligence and other technological devices, examining all content as well as format and structure. The Board will continue to build on progress in the upcoming year to ensure our handbook is clear and actionable for both parents and the administration.

**Nominations & Elections:** To support the promotion of the Board as a service opportunity, the Nominations & Elections committee promotes annual elections, pursues candidates and administers the election. This past year, four new members were added to the Board after review of candidates by Fr. Molini

**Finance:** Alongside parish and school administration, the Board finalized the 2024-25 budget and set registration fees for the upcoming school year. Tuition still falls short of the full cost of educating students at St. Gabriel and takes advantage of parish support of the school, and the Finance committee explores additional approaches to raising funds including Giving Tuesday and coordination with the PFA committees.

**Technology:** Throughout the school year, the Technology committee meets to provide guidance to the school as it pertains to technology purchases, technology fees and allocation of grants. This committee began exploration of different approaches to managing devices and device policies related to student technologies like the Chromebooks. A major ongoing goal of the technology committee is to develop a mission and philosophy goal statement for technology use for our students as well as to provide helpful parental tips for technology use.

**Mission & Communications:** The Mission & Communication team continued to support many annual events including Make a Difference Day, Giving Tuesday, Open House and the St. Gabriel Auction. The Mission & Communication Committee also began to develop a marketing plan for St. Gabriel. With a focus on engagement, the committee will identify opportunities to enhance parent, student, and community involvement in the upcoming academic year.

The Board of Education meets regularly. Meetings are closed sessions, but an open forum is available for parents and parishioners who are interested in sharing a topic for consideration. All such topics must be provided in writing prior to the meeting and should include at least one solution for consideration. All parents and parishioners are also encouraged to contact Board members with questions and suggestions at any time. Board members serve a three-year term and are selected by the Pastor each Spring.

Please contact 2024-25 Board President Lacy Gassner ([lacy.brianna@gmail.com](mailto:lacy.brianna@gmail.com)) with any questions.

### **2025-2026 Parish Board of Education**

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