

# DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

### WHAT IS IT?

The Catholic School Advisory Council is a small group which may be comprised of invested parents, business community members and parish members, ADVISORY in nature. The Pastor and School Administrators are ex-officio members of this important group.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Parish School Advisory Council assists the pastor and principal in the recommendation of policy for the school. Some of its responsibilities would include:

- a. Recommending policies that relate to the overall operation of the school to insure quality Catholic education.
- b. Building a relationship of the parish school to the entire parish community, civic and cultural groups, and public schools of the area.
- c. Developing and reviewing a long-range plan in the school.

### RELATIONSHIP TO THE ADMINISTRATORS

**The School Advisory Council is responsible for recommending policy for school programs.**

**Policy gives direction; it does not tell how to get there.**

**The Administrators are responsible for developing methods and programs to implement policy, i.e. how it is to be done.**

### PURPOSE

**The purpose of the School Advisory Council is to act in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and Principal in the areas of school policy, finance, strategic planning, operational effectiveness, and promotion of Catholic education.**

### PARISH RELATIONSHIP

"The School Advisory Council", through its words and actions, must seek to represent the full spectrum of the parish community. Its deliberations should be marked by a spirit of "Catholicity" which works to break down barriers displaying a sense of concern and compassion for all, especially the most needy. In a very real sense, the school advisory council should see itself as both conscience and voice of the full faith community as it seeks to realize, through education, the ministry of Christ.

### PARENT CONCERNS

**On the Advisory Council, members may find themselves in the position of receiving parent complaints. If so, follow policy.**

**Best practice is to send people to the person with whom they are upset. If communication fails with teacher, for example, then principal, then pastor. Keep positivity in the conversation!**

