



# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE

### Current Members:

Katie Hannigan President  
John Vacca Vice President  
Mary Kate Torretta Secretary  
Anna Morton  
Laura Berns  
Patty Opfer  
Marie Wohlert  
Michael Gorla  
Vince Passanissi  
Nick Fragale  
Samantha Mueller

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose of the Board is to make recommendations regarding educational policy for St. Ambrose School, including reviewing and evaluating existing school policies. The Board also shall provide assistance to the Pastor, Principal and staff of the school upon request, and shall act as a liaison between the school and parish communities. Our BOE recognizes and respects the role(s) of the appropriate and legitimate authorities, and exercises responsible decision making in collaboration with the leadership team for development and oversight of the school's fidelity to mission, academic excellence, and operational vitality.



## As a non member how do I contact the Board of Education?

- Write a letter to the BOE and send to hannigank@wustl.edu

You will receive a response within 24 hours of your email. No anonymous letters will be recognized. If requested, confidentiality will be maintained.

- Speak at a BOE meeting

Any non-member seeking to address the Board must notify Katie Hannigan @hannigank@wustl.edu at least one week prior to a scheduled BOE meeting.

BOE meetings are scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month unless otherwise noted (except June and July)

- Meeting dates and times will now be posted in the Parish Bulletin and on our School Website.

The purpose of recognition of non-members is to gain input from, and hear comments and suggestions on, matters relating to policy in educational programs at St. Ambrose.



# Who shapes the Board of Education policies and bylaws?

We follow the Manual for Parish Boards of Education provided by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, Office of Catholic Education and Formation. All Board Members undergo training through the Office of Catholic Education and Formation. A three-year term of membership is standard for most parish board's of education. This length of time gives the members time to become familiar with board functions and issues. Re-election to the board is permitted. Experienced board members are often better at fulfilling their responsibility. However, to allow for fresh ideas, boards should limit members to two consecutive terms. For more information please contact [hannigank@wustl.edu](mailto:hannigank@wustl.edu)

Thank you!