OLS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 8, 2026
5:15 pm
OLS School
MINUTES

Mission Statement
OLS provides a Christ-centered Catholic education for students of all faiths. Together, we will foster each student's path to heaven, pursuit of excellence, accountability, and service to others.

I. **Opening Prayer** - Bob Lecheler opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance were Brian Groothousen, Bob Lecheler, Crystal Mogensen, Amy Oebser, and Tami Stewart.

II. **Read Mission Statement** - Amy read the Mission Statement.

III. **Approval of Minutes** - The February 11, 2026 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Crystal and seconded by Amy to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

IV. **Old Business**
   A. **School Finance** - Bob reviewed the financial statements. Overall, the finances are in a good place. The school will need some subsidy from the parish to cover some expenses such as salaries for the rest of the fiscal year. This is normal. The total transportation costs (parish and school) is higher than budgeted. We need to budget more for copies. Snow removal, especially clearing sidewalks, was high. Other options will be looked at for next year. A motion was made by Tami and seconded by Crystal to approve the financial report. The motion passed.
   B. **School Report** - Brian highlighted some of the topics on the school report. Students attended Stations of the Cross during Lent. The 5th and 6th graders performed live Stations of the Cross. The 8th graders are going to a Faith and Science Retreat at the Trinity Woods Catholic Retreat Center. The Open House was March 10. Predicted enrollment is 86, but praying for 90. Brian is meeting on April 17 with Emily Hagen from St. Joseph's in Rice Lake to see if she can help us with marketing. We may need to look at staffing for next year. PCCW is looking for a list of needs under $20,000 for the school. Brian met with them and gave a few suggestions. The pig raffle raised $2000 to be used for transportation for field trips. Gala planning is coming along nicely. MAP testing is April 21-30. The Forensics competitions were very successful! Earth Day activities are being planned. A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Crystal to approve the school report. The motion passed.

V. **New Business**
   A. **Discussion of Handbook Changes for the 26-27 Parent/Student Handbook** - Brian went over the changes and additions to the Parent/Student Handbook.

B. **Review Mystery Science and Mystery Writing to replace Science Fusion Curriculum and to add writing curriculum** - It is getting hard to get/find the consumable workbooks for the current Science Fusion program that is being used. There are enough workbooks on hand for the next school year. We can purchase a subscription to Mystery Science through the Diocese of Superior. All materials are available through the website. We would need to increase the budget for copies because materials would be printed from the website and copied. K-4 would start Mystery Science the next school year and 5-8 the following year. We can also purchase Mystery Writing through the Diocese. This would be good to help enhance writing skills. Teacher training is available for both.

V. Action Items

A. **Action Item to approve the Handbook Changes for 26-27 Parent/Student Handbook** - The changes were approved. A motion was made by Amy and seconded by Tami. The motion passed.

B. **Action to approve switching to and purchasing Mystery Science for the 26-27 school year at a cost of $499 through the Diocese of Superior** - The purchase was approved. A motion was made by Tami and seconded by Crystal. The motion passed.

C. **Action to approve adding Mystery Writing to the Mystery Science package for an additional $300** - The purchase was approved. A motion was made by Tami and seconded by Amy. The motion passed.

VI. Closing Prayer - Bob closed the meeting with prayer.

VII. Adjourn (Next Meeting) - June 10, 2026, 5:15 p.m., OLS School

Respectfully submitted,
Tami Stewart