



NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 15th, 2025 Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Nouvel Catholic Central Jr/High School Library

I. Call to Order – Opening Prayer offered by Paul Furlo

- Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Board members present: Brian Buckingham, Phil Sturtz, Paul Furlo, Beth Thieme, Pete Shaheen, Jason Tunney, Blair White, staff present: Dan Decuf

III. Community Comment

- Mr. Steven Hartwell shared concerns related to security cameras in parking lot and communication issues.
- Mr. Hartwell expressed appreciation for Tim Marciniak (principal) and Tim Novak.

IV. Action Items

- Motion to approve agenda by Beth Thieme, support by Phil Sturtz. Motion carries.
- Motion to amend previous meeting notes due to date issue by Paul Furlo, second by Jason Tunney. Support by all. Motion carries.

V. Strategic Planning Review and Discussion

- Final draft of the strategic plan to be presented by June 4th
- Board discussed reinstating regular updates on completed strategic goals
- Pete Shaheen recommended identifying peer Catholic institutions to benchmark handbook policies
- Beth Thieme suggested inviting Molly Macek to assist with policy development

VI. Head of School Report A. Staffing Updates

B. Enrollment and Retention - Current retention rate at 83%, highest level before June in school history - 78 students interested in enrolling, with 73 new students already enrolled - Strong ninth grade enrollment approaching 40 students, highest in six years - Both preschool classrooms at capacity

C. Student Ambassador Program - 58 high school ambassadors and 41 junior high ambassadors actively supporting recruitment - Over 24 shadow days conducted this year, a record high - Total enrollment projected to reach 610 for next school year

D. Transportation and After-School Care - Exploring transportation options from Midland to Nouvel - After-school care to be provided at secondary building - New families have already committed after learning of after-school care option

VII. Superintendent Report

- Dr. Wolohan continues oversight with Head Stewardship Committee
- Expressed desire for students to lead faith-based community service initiatives

VIII. Board Committee Reports - Updates provided from each committee A. Finance - Brian Buckingham - Committee meeting scheduled for following week to focus on budget finalization

B. Investment Committee - Jason Tunney - Met May 1st for quarterly review with Cap Trust - Plans to expand review to include donor fund earmarked for Nouvel

C. Nouvel Foundation - Legal update - Foundation has received tax ID number - No anticipated pushback from IRS on foundation status

D. Athletics - Blair White - Girls tennis placed second at regionals - Boys golf won Tri Valley Conference blue Jamboree - Boys golf team ranked #1 in Division Four - Football Pro Day attracted D2 and D3 college scouts

E. Community Outreach - Cathedral Free Clinic proposal presented - Letter from Andrew Carlson regarding clinic initiative to be reviewed at next meeting - Band program showing significant growth under Mr. Yarmak - Strong performing arts program recognized as important recruitment tool

IX. New Business / Good of the Order

- Motion to nominate 2025-2026 officers by Pete Shaheen, second by Jason Tunney
 - Paul Furlo-Chair, Beth Thieme-Vice Chair, Brian Buckingham-Treasurer, Dr. Liz Marshall-Secretary

X. Adjournment

- Recommendation to involve Yarmak in band renovation discussions
- Motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM by Paul Furlo, support by Beth Thieme. Motion carries.
- Next Board Meeting: June 11th, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Nouvel Jr/High School Library

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