



NOUVEL CATHOLIC CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13th, 2025

Board Meeting 5:30 pm, Nouvel Catholic Central Jr/High School Library

- I. **Call to Order – Opening Prayer** offered by Fr. S. Gavit
- II. **Roll Call**
 - A. Board members in attendance: B. White, P. Furlo, B. Thieme, B. Murphy, J. Tunney, A. Garner, P. Sturtz, E. Carlson, L. Marshall, Fr. S. Gavit, M. Mitchell
 - B. Excused absences: P. Shaheen, B. Buckingham
 - C. Additional attendees: D. Decuf, C. Lynn
- III. **Community Comment**
 - A. None submitted
- IV. **Action Items**
 - A. Agenda for current meeting. Motion to approve by A. Garner. Support by B. Thieme. Motion approved.
 - B. Minutes from prior board meeting, July 9th, 2025. Motion to approve by J. Tunney. Support by B. Murphy. Motion approved.
- V. **Head of School Report**
 - A. General Report
 - B. Enrollment Update
 1. D. Decuf shared multiple statistics regarding engagement, inquiries, applications, and admissions comparing 2023-24 and 2024-25. Overall, all markers leading to enrollment are rising. Nouvel anticipates 600+ students enrolled preschool-12th grade for the 2025-26
 - C. Cell Phone Use Policy
 1. Through committee work, Nouvel leadership recommends adopting a no cell phone policy on both campuses during the instructional day beginning with this school year.
 2. Motion by B. Thieme to approve cell phone use policy as written and presented. Support by E. Carlson. Motion approved.
- VI. **Superintendent Report**
 - A. 9/12 - New teacher orientation
 - B. 10/28 - Michigan Catholic Conference is offering a symposium for priests with parish schools and Catholic school leadership
- VII. **Board Committee Reports**
 - A. **Finance & Investment** - Brian Buckingham
 1. 2025-2026 Budget Review
 -) Extensive budget review and preparation done by B. Buckingham (finance chair), D. Henris (consulting), D. Decuf, P. Furlo, and the Board of Trustees finance committee at large
 - a) All members had an opportunity to review the budget, discuss, and ask clarifying questions. Overall, 2025-2026 fiscal/academic year budget is adequately balanced, projecting healthy financial status for Nouvel
 - b) Subject to acceptable clarification on questions raised, motion to approve the budget as presented by J. Tunney. Support by B.

Murphy. Motion approved.

2. Dan Henris Consulting

-) Much appreciation expressed for Mr. Henris's contributions and guidance in our finance office

3. Separate Incorporation

B. **Nouvel Foundation**- -Jason Tunney

1. Application submitted to IRS, awaiting response
2. Request to create a P&L for budget reporting for the foundation

C. **Student Life and Catholic Mission**- -Erin Carlson

1. Ongoing work regarding faith formation, especially focused on leadership development at this time

D. **Athletic Strategic Planning**- -Dr. Blair White

1. Incorporating input from J. Torrez, K. Gauthier
2. Boosters President for 2025-26 - Gary Hrywnak '03

E. **Head Stewardship**- -Paul Furlo

1. Opportunity to attend the Seminarian Benefit Dinner

F. **Philanthropy**- -Dr. Liz Marshall

1. Gala September 27, 2025
 -) Sponsorships currently totaling \$375,000+
2. Special Guests for Board Members to invite
 -) Vicariate Pastors, Prospective Donors, Prospective Students

G. **Governance** - Beth Thieme

1. Current work to update Board bylaws to prepare for separate incorporation of Nouvel
2. Current work to update the student handbook

H. **Building and Grounds**- -Pete Shaheen, excused

VIII. **Board of Trustee Members to be Heard:** Open Dialogue for Board members to raise issues of importance.

IX. **New Business / Good of the Order**

X. **Adjournment**

- A. Motion to adjourn at 7:57 PM by L. Marshall. Support by A. Garner. Motion approved.
- B. Next Board Meeting: September 10th, 2025 at 5:30 pm at Nouvel Jr/High School Library

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