



**Attendance:** Emily Riley, Martin Linder, Sue Riley, Fr. Anthony Recker, Kathy Molek, Ian Miller, Stacey Dvorak, Andrew Welfle, Jen Collins, Rod Thimke

**Excused:** Tom Dunlap

**Guests:** Mike McLaughlin, Stephanie Kluding

*Governing Board members were invited to receive a campus tour which began at 5:15pm, highlighting the work and improvements done to our campus/facilities over the summer.*

The Governing Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Emily Riley at **6:04pm** in the Learning Commons of St. Paul High School.

1. **Opening Prayer** - Emily Riley
2. **Recitation of Norwalk Catholic Mission**
3. **Introductions & Welcome new Board Members**
4. **Approval of June Meeting Minutes** were motioned for approval by Kathy Molek & seconded by Andrew Welfle. Minutes approved. **Approval of July Meeting Minutes** were motioned for approval by Rod Thimke & seconded by Jen Collins. Minutes approved.
5. **Advancement Report** - Stephanie Kluding provided a 2022-2023 year end report on the Advancement Office (scan in the handout). Note: Business & Professional Breakfast will be held in November this year, Board members are invited (encouraged!) to attend.
6. **Financial Reports** - Mike McLaughlin provided an update on our year end financials.
  - A. EdChoice program will delay tuition revenue temporarily - a timing issue that will affect cash flow. This is likely the largest variance we will see in the budget this year.
7. **Executive Session** - led by Emily Riley - Andrew Welfle motioned and Kathy Molek seconded 6:30. Andrew motioned to end Executive session, Kathy Molek seconded, moved back to regular meeting at 7:06pm.
  - A. Emily to follow up with Martin on Virtus training & affirmations page for Board members to review & sign.
8. **President's Report** - Martin Linder shared his report on the latest happenings of the past month, to include:
  - A. Announced new staff members for the upcoming school year
  - B. Enrollment as of 8/16/23 is at 723 (last year at this time was 650)
  - C. Discussed EdChoice updates - 600 eligible families, 450 so far have begun the application process (would like to get to 550 in the next month) - thank you to Julie Grine for all of her hard work interacting with and assisting our families!
    1. Will be putting together a small internal committee to review each family's tuition bill and how we proceed moving forward

Building on the legacy of our parishes, families, and alumni, the mission of Norwalk Catholic is to guide students to cultivate a personal relationship with Christ rooted in the Catholic tradition and to educate students in a rigorous academic environment to serve and lead in the global community.



- D. Presented Vision 2037 case statement & draft for the Board to initially consider - this will be a continued discussion for us over the coming months, particularly during our September meeting.
  - 1. Positive feedback from the Governing Board on initial outlook; great start to the planning
  - 2. Ensuring our culture of generosity and philanthropy is a must as we move forward - communication/messaging very important for our families as we release information on tuition statements, our intentions, the impacts of it, etc.
  - 3. In preparation for our Sept work session, requested the Board focus their time reviewing teacher salary & master facility plans in advance of the September meeting
- 9. **Board Chair Report** - Emily Riley
  - A. Discussed the plans for Sept & Oct meetings (Sept - discussion specific, and Oct - retreat evening with dinner)
- 10. **Pastor Report** - Fr. Recker
  - A. Eventful summer w/ the tri-parish grouping; going well!
  - B. Discussed the roles of the priests moving to this new model

**The meeting was motioned for adjournment by Andrew Welfle at 8:20pm.**

**Next Board Meeting:** September 20, 2023 - discussion-specific/work session in the Learning Commons