



Norwalk Catholic School Governing Board Meeting Minutes December 17, 2014

Present: Dennis Doughty, Jay Anderson, Andrew Shella, Pat Schwan, Frank Van Dresser, Msgr. Morman, Rachel Cefalu, Andrew Welfle, Julie Roberts, John Evans, Fr. Recker, Sue Riley and Denny Camp

Absent: Jen Naseman

Guest: Mike McLaughlin

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair, Pat Schwan

1. Opening Prayer – John Evans

2. Minutes – the November 19, 2014, was corrected to reflect Andrew Shella attended St. Edward High School. Andrew Welfle moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Julie Roberts seconded the motion, motion passed.

3. Financial Report – Mike McLaughlin reviewed the November YTD report.

4. President's Report –

a. Denny Doughty distributed information about the Next Generation Assessment Overview. He discussed the testing expectations and what it is involved in preparing our students. He encouraged the board members to take one of the practice tests on the Ohio Department of Education website.

b. Tuition discussion/decision – after a lengthy discussion about the implications of increased tuition versus decreased enrollment, Denny Doughty proposed that we freeze tuition at the current 2014-2015 school year tuition rate for the 2015-2016 school year, strive to retain the students we currently have and increase enrollment by 50 students. The finance committee supports this proposal. Frank Van Dresser motioned to move forward with Denny Doughty's proposal to freeze tuition at the current 2014-2015 school year tuition rate for the 2015-2016 school year, Andrew Welfle seconded the motion, the motion was unanimously passed.

5. Chair Report –Chris Knight, the superintendent of the diocesan schools, will be attending our January meeting. Pat Schwan expressed his praise and support of the solid academic and extracurricular success in our school and on behalf of the board expresses our congratulations to the Flyer football team for a great season. He encouraged the board to stay engaged in school and parish activities. January 31st is the Night at the Races, February 1st is the Friends for the Future kick-off. The board has been asked to host fellowship after all the masses. The advancement

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Rev. Anthony Recker
Jay Anderson
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Andrew Shella
Andrew Welfle
Denny Camp, Ex-Officio
Sue Riley, Ex-Officio
Dennis Doughty,
President

office will be showing the Dare to Dream video to parishioners. Pat Schwan will be emailing a sign-up sheet. Denny Doughty shared that on February 2nd & 3rd a version of the President's Reception will be presented to parents. Have a Merry Christmas.

6. St. Paul Parish report – Msgr. Morman is pleased that the mass collections have been moving in a positive direction at St. Paul Church and it appears that they will be able to maintain their current subsidy to Norwalk Catholic School.
7. St. Mary Parish report – After Christmas, the renovations will begin at St. Mary Church and Mass will be held in Reynold's Hall. Their capital campaign exceeded the goal. They have raised \$825,000.
8. Executive Session was not needed.
9. Dennis Doughty recommended the hiring of Leslie Kline as a Visual Arts Teacher (K-12) beginning January 5, 2015. She will be 2/3 time. Frank motioned to accept Denny Doughty's recommendation to hire Mrs. Kline, Msgr. Morman seconded the motion, motion passed.
10. Additional – nothing to report.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for January 21, 2015 *{meeting date may be rescheduled - TBD}*, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul High School Library, Mrs. French will be the presenter. Andrew Shella will have the prayer.

Respectfully submitted by
Anne Harbert