



St. Vincent Catholic Schools
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: November 10, 2025

Attendees:

Board: Fr. Joe Geders, David Kapp, Sr. Rosemary Oellerman, Becky Paulus, Art Pistorio, Kristen Schmidt, Roger Steinbecker, Deacon Tom Schumer, Amy Sutterer, Jim Guyot

Others: Morgan Wheeler, Jamie Flores, Sonya Dobbelaar, Zach Stobart

Opening Prayer: Amy Sutterer

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by Roger Steinbecker, seconded by Becky Paulus.

Approved unanimously.

2. Old Business

New Members: Deacon Tom Schumer welcomed **Art Pistorio** and **Kristen Schmidt**.

Board Resignation: Noted resignation of **Fr. Pat**, now Executive Director at St. Luke's.

Committee Assignments: Art and Kristen to serve on **Advancement & Enrollment Committee**.

3. Catholic Identity Committee (*Deacon Tom Schumer & Sr. Rosemary Oellerman*)

Mission Statement: Final version approved unanimously:

"We strive to provide the finest Catholic education guided by Vincentian virtues dedicated to inspiring and nurturing our students to excel, serve, and love with purpose and conviction."

School Crest: Feedback from Fr. Ranjan reviewed; discussion focused on cost and branding. Decision: Table revisions for now.

Name Change: Deferred until Fr. Ranjan's attendance; concerns noted regarding inclusivity.

4. Advancement & Enrollment Committee (*Sonya Dobbelaar*)

Gift Acceptance Policy: Reviewed and **approved unanimously**. A donor is pending contribution under new policy.

Naming Opportunities: Reviewed proposal for donor recognition. Discussion included pricing flexibility, smaller options (e.g., benches, lockers), and a **10-year term** for naming rights.

External Relations: Emphasis on improving coordination among Alumni Association, Education Foundation, Robinson Foundation, and School Board. Roger Steinbecker to serve as **liaison** to organize joint discussions.

5. Finance Committee (*Roger Steinbecker*)

Financial overview presented; First quarter results are fine with no unusual matters. However, meeting or exceeding the fiscal 2026 budget will require some major gifts.

Addition: Michael Ellis to be added to Finance Committee roster.

6. Facilities Committee (*Jim Guyot*)

Upcoming facilities tour planned.

Key items: elevator (in discussion with Jake Sutterer), football field lights (benchmarking Saxony), and bleacher compliance.

Concern raised about senior parking spot painting affecting long-term appearance.

7. Technology Committee

Meeting held with Todd and Dan Query.

Updates include:

- 1) Transition to Circle Fiber (1GB service)
- 2) Fiber reroute and bell/speaker system repair
- 3) Staff tech training and potential student IT team
- 4) New Chromebook usage agreement to prevent firewall bypass,

8. Strategic Plan

Climate Survey due Nov. 11.

Domain Chairs:

Academics – Kapp | Advancement – Paulus | Enrollment – Schmidt | Catholic Identity – Oellerman | Facilities – Guyot | Finance – Steinbecker | Governance – Pistorio | Student Life – Sutterer

Key Dates:

- **Kick-Off:** Dec. 2, 5:30 PM (AMM Room)
- **Roundtables:** Jan. 6 & 14, 6:00–7:30 PM (SVHS Library)
- **Workshop:** Apr. 10–11
Board members to submit additional stakeholder names.

9. New Business

Board Contact Info: Board email svcsboard@svdepaul.org to forward to Brueckner, Steinbecker, and Schumer.

Mission/Vision Follow-Up: Sent to Catholic Identity Committee for Dec. review.

Enrollment: Outreach to Spanish-speaking community planned. Suggestions: facility tours, meals during tours, parish ads, and PSR-night dinner on financial aid. Tuition credit referral idea discussed.

Counseling Services: Need identified for additional elementary support; high school counselor coverage under review.

Term of Office: Executive Committee to propose term limits (1-3 years, up to 3 terms). Deacon Tom to provide formal draft.

10. Closing

Meeting moved to **Executive Session at 7:17 PM.**

