

GRACE Board of Trustees
April 14, 2026
Minutes
6:30 p.m., GRACE Riverside Office

Present: Sue Amtmann, Nick Anderson, Bridget Erwin, Ed Kippley, Dr. Steven Gale, Sarah Green, Eric Guzowski, Chet Lamers, Ty Little, Samantha Wagner, Kelly Williams

Others Present: Kim Desotell, Nate Tackaberry, Melissa Wolscanki, Lori Ashmann-Recorder

Not Present: Dan Bins, Dana Pecho

Nick Anderson called the meeting to order. Kelly Williams led the opening prayer.

1. Wisconsin Parental Choice Program Forum: There were no attendees to this offered forum of WPCP parents with the Board.
2. Minutes: Motion made by Sarah Green and seconded by Sue Amtmann to approve the February 10, 2026 Board meeting minutes and presented Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.
3. President's Report: Kim Desotell highlighted the following from her provided report:
 - a. Enrollment: An overview of enrollment to date was provided in addition to a summary of student transfer data within system. Student transfers among schools undergo a specific intentional and collaborative process.
 - b. SJPII Gym Fundraising: An update was provided including survey feedback. The campaign reset is underway and includes enhanced due diligence to support informed decision-making. Discussion followed. The Board entered closed session at 6:37 p.m. The closed session concluded at 7:00 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.
 - c. Leadership Update: Headmaster Eric Schreiber successfully defended his dissertation.
 - d. St. Thomas More Halo Trading Cards: The school project was reviewed and cards were shared. This is a student-led initiative that really has been a "cottage industry" facilitated by Mr. Rudy Hernandez the campus minister. The project integrates creativity and faith into a custom designed trading card series that has had immense engagement at the school and community. The Spring GRACE Newsletter will feature the project.
 - e. Parish Leadership Changes: The Diocese of Green Bay recently made their annual announcement of leadership changes. A handout was distributed outlining the specific changes in alignment with our system related to Holy Cross Parish, Quad Parish, St. Philip the Apostle Parish, and Saints Peter and Paul Parish.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Finance:
 - i. 2025-26 Current Year: Sarah Green reported on current financials which are tracking to budget. A report was also provided on the subcommittees work involving Cash Policy and Insurance.
 - ii. 2026-27 Future Year: Melissa Wolcanski presented the 2026-27 budget and reviewed provided materials highlighting integral elements of the proposal. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal including parish investment. Motion made by Ed Kippley and seconded by Bridget Erwin to approve the 2026-27 budget as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Education: Sue Amtmann reported on the Committee's March meeting which included school guidance counselors and Director of Student Services, James Cullen. The opportunity to engage with staff yielded valuable feedback and the status of services to students throughout the schools. Discussion followed. The importance of ongoing committee engagement with front line staff was cited. Suggestion made regarding the potential implementation of focus group sessions. Sue Amtmann proceeded to present the

- Portrait of an 8th Grade GRACE Graduate. The Portrait is a result of comprehensive work involving thorough and collaborative process, and input from a broad spectrum of stakeholder voices. Discussion followed. Motion made by Nick Anderson and seconded by Chet Lamers to approve the Portrait of an 8th Grade GRACE Graduate as presented. Motion carried. The Committee is working on how the Portrait will be communicated and used. Kim Desotell will be sharing the Portrait with leadership.
- c. Advancement: “Valuing the Vocation of Education” GRACE Compensation Campaign presentation was given by Steven Gale, Nick Anderson, Bridget Erwin, Kelly Williams and Eric Guzowski. Background, plan, timeline, impact, vision was reviewed. Discussion followed including target goal, phases, and a comprehensive plan to include school fundraising. Motion made by Chet Lamers and seconded by Ty Little to approve moving forward with the GRACE Compensation Campaign as presented. Motion carried. The plan will be presented to the Board of Directors at its April 22, 2026 meeting. Appreciation was extended to Kelly Williams and Nate Tackaberry for their leadership with this integral advancement initiative. Nate Tackaberry also reported on the to-date 2025-26 Annual Appeal contributions which have exceeded goal.
 - d. Facilities: Chet Lamers reported that he presented the forced ranking exercise to the Principal Leadership Team at its February 17, 2026 meeting and provided feedback from the team.
5. Board of Trustees Chair Report:
- a. Annual Trustee Evaluation Nick Anderson encouraged all trustees to complete the evaluation as soon as possible, emphasizing that their feedback and input are essential to maintaining the effectiveness and overall health of the Board.
 - b. June Meeting: The June Board meeting will involve a social following the business session.
6. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: June 9, 2026