

REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, February 22, 2022

The February meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Joe Behrens, Tom Brincks, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen (virtually), Carrie Meyers, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, Dr. John Evans, and Gary Wiskus.

Also present were President John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan, and Michael Power; business manager, Christie Sundrup.

Students in Vocational Agriculture/FFA were present at the meeting. Owen Pietig, Dylan Wieland, Mitchell Tiefenthaler, and other FFA students provided a brief overview of recent FFA activities including the management of the Kuemper owned plot.

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the January 18th meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Fr. Michael Cronin. The motion passed.

Bright Knight Moments

Administrators shared positive moments including the jazz choir getting a I at state for the first time, great sportsmanship by the boys' basketball team at their last game, and school representation at the wrestling and swimming state tournaments.

Joe Behrens shared a story about the Templeton Center gym and their new basketball hoops donated by Kuemper. These were old backboards from the St. Lawrence gym that was recently redone.

Administrator and Staff Reports:

Administrative Reports

Written reports were submitted by Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan, and Michael Power.

Marketing & Enrollment

Erin Sundrup's written report stated Catholic Schools Week was a huge success. Staff and students had a great week full of fun activities. The KnightCrawl winner was Delilah Pottebaum, daughter of Christine and Jay Pottebaum. The family received \$50 in Hy-Vee scrip. Discover Kuemper Preschool night will take place on Wednesday, March 23 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. The committee decided to go with a walk-through event again. Those wishing to attend will sign up for a time slot. A Knight Mascot costume is still in the planning stages. Kindergarten information will be sent home with all preschool and optional kindergarten students soon. They will be provided with TADS information.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated the Knight Letter has been sent to Stones for printing and should be mailed to all alumni the first week of March. The report also shared the Kuemper Ball donations are coming in. Ag and Vehicle Raffle ticket sales are going well. Ag Raffle has sold 400 tickets and the Vehicle Raffle has sold 353 as of February 17th. The Kuemper Ball will be held at the Kuemper Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. Lidderdale Country Store will cater. There will be live music and a live auction.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report stated Kuemper's 2022 Msgr. Lafferty Tuition goal is \$850,186 compared to \$736,166 for 2021. As of February, \$18,500 has been raised. The Foundation Board met on February 10th. They approved the new Kuemper Foundation Teacher Salary Enhancement beginning 2022-2023 school year. This will be a yearly salary enhancement over and above their regular salary from the Foundation Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund. Teachers were informed of this new supplement at their Professional Development Day on Monday, February 14th, by Foundation members and board members. Special projects include a thank you and celebration in honor of Ron Ocken and will be held on his birthday, April 28th in the St. Lawrence Gym. Funds from Ron Ocken's estate gift were used to install new bleachers in the St. Lawrence Center and this summer in the high school gym.

Finance & Budget

Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for January 2022 and the 2021-22 working fiscal year budget. The Finance and Budget Committee has scheduled to meet on February 25, 2022, to set 2022-2023 tuition and recommend a preliminary 2022-2023 General Fund budget for approval at the April board meeting. The 2023-2023 Tuition Assistance online application became live on February 1, 2022. Applications must be completed no later than April 1, 2022.

Committee Reports:

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Buildings and Grounds

The committee discussed project updates. The St. Lawrence gym steps, new bleachers, refinished floor, and lighting is finished. The finished project looks great. The 3-Year-Old Preschool Bathroom project will begin in March. This project is funded by grant money. Family and Consumer Science Room update will begin after May. This project is funded by a restricted donation of \$85,000 from the Capital Campaign. Roof access for trespassers at the NE corner of Kuemper High School now has thorny bushes planted in the area, extra lighting installed, and cameras will be installed around May. New gym bleachers at Kuemper High School will take place in June. Looking for volunteers to help with the removal of the old bleachers. Exterior steps at Kuemper High School on the northwest front and new steps by the parking lot may need extra lighting. Kuemper High School west windows and St. Angela girl's bathroom are to be completed this summer. Other approved Capital Campaign projects include new HVAC at Holy Spirit and St. Lawrence Centers, restroom renovations, new roofs at Holy Spirit and St. Lawrence Centers, computer/network upgrades, new flooring in 35 classrooms, new parking lot at Holy Spirit Center, fire alarm upgrade, phone/intercom system upgrade.

New Business:

A. Cash Rent Farm Lease with Carroll FFA

The Cash Rent Farm lease with Carroll FFA was up for renewal. The board members discussed and decided to raise the rent from \$250 per acre to \$275 per acre. Gary Wiskus moved to increase the rent and Joe Behrens seconded. The motion passed.

B. City Softball Field Agreement

Michael Power presented the new one-year City Softball Field agreement to the board members. This agreement would allow a place for Kuemper Softball to host games and practices. It will allow more freedom with the softball schedule. Ease of travel back and forth between home softball and

baseball games will be convenient. A batting cage has been donated. Michael Power and the school board members wanted to thank the City of Carroll for working with Kuemper on this agreement. Dr. John Evans moved to approve the City Softball Field agreement, Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed.

Personnel

1. Resignations
 - a. Jackie Kitch - 4th Grade Teacher
 - b. Kathy Steffes - PK-3 Learning Center
 - c. Russ Steinkamp - 7-12 Resource
 - d. Reggie Conrad - Custodian
 - e. Jon Osler - 9-12 English Teacher
2. New Hires
 - a. Madeline Wagner - KuemperCares TA
 - b. Maria Bruner - KuemperCares TA
 - c. Chad Seddon - Custodian
 - d. Robert Becker Jr. - 9-12 English Teacher

Fr. Kevin Richter moved to go into Executive Session at 4:44 p.m. Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed.

Gary Wiskus moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:08 p.m. Dr. John Evans seconded. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Carrie Meyers seconded. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Kuemper High School library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Hannah Heiman
Recording Secretary