

REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The May meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by chairman Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kuemper High School Library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Carrie Meyers, Allisa Tiefenthaler, Laura Schaefer, Fr. Terry Roder, Joe Behrens, Fr. Richter and Fr. Michael Cronin. Also present were President John Steffes; administrator Ted Garringer and business managers, Christie Sundrup and Kris Collison.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Joe Behrens moved to approve the April 18 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Laura Schaefer. The motion passed.

Bright Knight Moments

Administrators shared positive moments including another great celebration of Grandparent's Day on May 5th. The graduating seniors had a great final week celebrating with pizza in the Greteman Center and their 1st Alumni picture.

Administrator and Staff Reports:

Administrative Reports

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

Marketing & Enrollment

Erin Sundrup's written report stated next year's overall enrollment should increase. We continue to see a rise in enrollment in our younger grades. There are currently 86 preschool students registered for the 2023-2024 school year. Three year old preschool enrollment is increasing by 11, from 21 students in 22-23 to 32 students in 23-24. New family registration began on May 1. There are 17 new students registered. 99.56% of families have completed registration for next year.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated the Kuemper Ball was a great success, serving over 620 meals from Lidderdale Country Store. The Ball raised \$786,388! Alumni office has donated red alumni sweatshirts to the graduating seniors. The Foundation's Development/Major Gifts Office and Annual Giving departments will merge into the Advancement Department beginning June 1st.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Alan Loew's written report states the *Faith Forward...Building Excellence in Mind, Body, and Soul* Capital Campaign continues to receive gifts. To date (May 11, 2023), our campaign has received \$10,691,128.94 in gifts and pledges. Msgr. Lafferty's Tuition 2023 goal is \$836,127. As of April 30, Kuemper has raised \$61,019 (21 donors). In April 2022, \$130,710 was raised. On May 26, Grades 9-11 Awards Program at 10:45 and 8th Grade Awards Program at 1:30 pm, both held in the KHS Gym, will be awarded over \$35,000 of tuition scholarships.

Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the General Fund income and expenses for April 2023.

With the passage of ESAs, the state has cut textbook funding to non-public schools next year. So approximately \$25,000 will need to be added to the Kuemper budget to replace this lost funding.

Old Business:

ESAs Update

ESA Registration for families will go live on May 31 through June 30. Promoting this timeline will be a top priority during the month of June. Training videos for parents are being provided by the state.

Teaching Openings Update

Seventh grade science, fifth grade and part-time preschool positions are still open. Spanish has been filled which will omit the need for those virtual classes.

End of Year Senior Events Update (including graduation)

Baccalaureate will be on May 17 at 8:30am, followed by Senior Awards Ceremony in the high school gym. Commencement will be on Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 pm in the gym.

New Business:

Holy Spirit & St. Lawrence Center Lease Agreements with St. John Paul II Parish Fr. Michael

Cronin motioned to approve the agreements with minor noted amendments. Seconded by Carrie Meyers. The motion passed.

Kuemper Employee Policy Manual (for non-teaching employees)

Fr. Michael Cronin motioned to approve this manual for non-teacher employees, and Laura Schaefer seconded. The motion passed.

New Position Recommendation: Health Services/Student Supports Assistant

John Steffes and school nurse, Ashten Pottebaum, reviewed the need to bring back the part-time position of Health Services Assistant at the St. Lawrence Center. It's becoming challenging for Ashten to drive numerous times to the St. Lawrence Center for students' medical needs, particularly diabetic needs. These challenges will be growing next year increasing the need for an assistant at the St. Lawrence Center. This position will also include student and teacher support duties so the position will be called Health Services/Student Supports Assistant. Joe Behrens motioned to approve this new position for next school year; Bob Lally seconded. The motion passed.

Personnel

1. Resignations

- a. Alan Loew - Foundation Director

2. New Hires

- a. Susie Heiliger - 1st Grade/1st Semester
- b. Nicole Bauer - 1st Grade/2nd Semester

Fr. Kevin Richter moved to go into Executive Session at 4:53 p.m., and Joe Behrens seconded. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:08 p.m. Laura Schaefer seconded.

Closing prayer led by Fr. Kevin Richter.

Bob Lally moved to adjourn at 5:09 p.m., and Carrie Meyers seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicci Gruszeczka, Recording Secretary