

REPORT ON KUEMPER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, June 21, 2022
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The May meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Gary Wiskus on Tuesday, June 21, 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, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, and Gary Wiskus. Bob Lally joined virtually.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators, Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup. Fr. Cronin's guest was seminarian James Fitzsimmons who is currently studying at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis.

An opportunity for input was extended.

Joe Behrens moved to approve the May 17, 2022 board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Fr. Tim Friedrichsen. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. John Steffes thanked the local Methodist Church group which assisted with the high school bleacher removal. The Methodists repurpose some of this lumber for desks to be shipped to low-income families. Ted Garringer complimented our custodial staff for their extra workload this summer with the numerous renovation projects and the great progress that is happening there. Kathi Milligan thanked the extra volunteers and junior high students helping with the parish's summer Vacation Bible School at the Holy Spirit Center. They had over 40 participants in this week-long event.

Administrator and Staff Reports

Written reports were submitted by Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan, and Mike Power. Erin Sundrup submitted the Marketing and Enrollment Management Report including the 2021/22 year-end data report. Alumni/Annual Giving and Foundation reports were submitted including an update on the *Faith Forward* capital campaign which reached the \$8.75 million mark this week.

Finance and Budget - Christie Sundrup presented the General Fund financials through 5/31/22. The Business office is working on year-end transactions to wrap up fiscal year 2021-22. Parish receivables were mentioned. Discussion took place on the merging of parishioners of closed parishes to two large parishes and the effect on parish support.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Leadership & Governance - May 19

Main topic is future format ideas for board rotation. The committee is looking at different models. The board currently has 3 priests and 6 lay members. Also looking at updating the board member handbook.

B. Building & Grounds - June 15

Capital campaign seeing great results. As campaign total increases, more projects being prioritized. Inflation is of course a concern for future projects.

New Business

A. Student Handbook Revisions (Action)

The administrative team provided strikeouts and additions as recommendations to the board for action. Consultations/suggestions were also gathered from a group of teachers and parents.

Dress code on p.17-18 was discussed, especially hair length for boys. The administrative team recommends adding verbiage of 'well-maintained' for hair, while keeping the phrase of hair being "above the eyebrows", but deleting for boys' hair length "above the collar." After lengthy discussion, the board agreed to not delete "above the collar" so that phrase will remain; boys' hair length must remain above the collar. It was also agreed to leave belts as required.

The handbook can be revisited by the board mid-year if necessary.

Fr. Richter motioned to approve the recommended student handbook revisions with the above discussed revisions; Fr. Cronin seconded. The motion passed.

B. Activity Handbook Revisions (tabled until next meeting)

C. School Lunch Prices (Action)

The recommended new lunch prices are similar to Carroll public school prices for 2022-23.

Discussion followed on adult prices - John will research this further with Hannah Heiman.

Communication will continue to parents to apply for free/reduced lunch rates. Fr. Cronin motioned to approve the recommended new lunch prices; Fr. Friedrichsen seconded. The motion passed.

D. Scoreboard Sign from Kuemper Ball (Action)

The annual Kuemper Ball auction item, Name the Scoreboard for One Year, and the proposed verbiage for the sign was submitted to the board for approval. Dr. Mark & Patty Collison's winning bid and message on the scoreboard sign is requested to be "*To Our Teachers, Staff & Coaches - Thank you.*" Fr. Richter motioned to approve; Joe Behrens seconded. The motion passed. Thank you to the Collisons.

PERSONNEL

A. Resignations

- a. Jessie Fuchs, Health Services Assistant

B. New Hires

- a. Denise Wall, 7th Math
- b. Jill Janson- Kindergarten

C. Open Positions Update

The principals reviewed open positions including 5th grade, 7th grade science and two Spanish positions. There are two Spanish teacher prospects in Mexico but visas are an issue. Advertising is being done in the regional Spanish newspaper, La Prensa, in Denison.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

The group thanked Fr. Tim Fredrichsen and Dr. John Evans for their service on the board.

Joe Behrens moved to go into Executive Session at 5:14pm; seconded by Fr. Friedrichsen. Fr. Friedrichsen moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:17pm, seconded by Fr. Cronin. The motion passed.

Fr. Richter led the closing prayer. Fr. Cronin moved to adjourn at 5:18pm, seconded by Fr. Friedrichsen.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Kuemper High School library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Kris Collison
Recording Secretary