

## **REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

The May meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Tom Brincks, Joe Behrens, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Bob Lally, Carrie Meyers, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, and Gary Wiskus.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators, Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen moved to approve the April board meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. The group shared positive happenings including a big thank you to the seniors for ending the school year on a good note. The seniors took a walk down to the cemetery for a prayer service at Fr. Kuemper and Fr. Lenz's gravesites. The prayer service was led by Fr. Behm. Each senior placed a yellow or red carnation at the grave in remembrance of what they did for Kuemper. Grandparents Day was a special event that was brought back this year for 1-3 grades and 6th grade. Substitute teachers and staff wrote thank you cards to the board regarding the sub and retention bonus. Ted Garringer also thanked Kris Collison for all her hard work in getting the paperwork done so we could give the retention bonuses to staff.

### **Administrator and Staff Reports:**

#### Administrative Reports

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

#### Marketing & Enrollment

Erin Sundrup's written report showed the best guess for enrollment for Fall 2022 is 1154. Enrollment will be very close to, or exceed, the total enrollment for spring 2020 and still well above enrollment from spring 2021. There are currently 88 students on the preschool interest survey for the 2022-2023 school year. This is up two students from where it was last month. The goal is to get preschool enrollment to 90 before school starts in the fall. Many tours have been given in the last few weeks. These tours were for students who are looking to enroll in the fall. Erin is trying to come up with solutions to our availability of school uniforms and uniform sweatshirts to our families, mainly due to national supply chain issues and shortages. Erin has also been busy covering all the special events taking place in May; baccalaureate, graduation, and award ceremonies. The Year-End Data report that features enrollment data, retention data, etc will be ready for viewing by the end of May.

#### Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated how the Kuemper Ball was a wonderful event! Around 600 meals were served by Lidderdale. The program, auction, and dance were a great success. The Kuemper Ball raised a total of \$709,819.56. \$654,909.78 was raised before the match and the Hannasch match gift was \$54,909.78. The alumni office purchased sweatshirts for the graduating seniors. The sweatshirts were given as gifts from the alumni office to the seniors and given out during the Fr. Kuemper senior lunch. Carnations were ordered from Hy-Vee for the Fr. Kuemper lunch and graduation. Karsyn Thompson and Blake Baumhover are the confirmed alumni to hand out carnations at graduation.

### Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich reported the *Faith Forward* Capital Campaign launched its public kick-off in March. To date, the campaign has received over \$7.7 million in gifts and pledges. A mass mailing will be made to over 3,000 Kuemper supporters asking for their support of the campaign. Sharon has been in contact with parish guilds and donor sponsors for the annual Eighth Grade Scholarships. Plans are underway for the annual “Take Me Out To The Ball Game” baseball grill out in June. The next Knight Light will be mailed in early July to St. Angela graduates and Kuemper supporters.

### Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for April 2022.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### A. Committee Meeting Minutes

##### 1. Catholic Identity

Cathy Meyers reported on the Catholic Identity meeting. During the meeting, Fr. Behm led the discussion of Faculty Formation to increase knowledge of the Catholic faith within our faculty. Staff will be reading a book in the fall to help achieve this goal of increased faith. Parent’s Formation was another topic of discussion. The committee will be developing a new program focused on Kuemper parents. Fr. Behm and Mrs. Julie Masching will be revamping the 7-12 class retreats. The WISE Conference with the Dominican Sisters is in person this summer and the goal is to have ten staff members attend the conference in Nashville. The VIP program that is currently being used is very successful with the K-8 students. The high school program is still a work in progress and attending the WISE conference will be an opportunity to collaborate with the Dominican Sisters in fully implementing this program for 9-12 during the 2022-2023 academic year.

### **Old Business:**

#### A. 2022-2023 School Calendar - Revised

There was an error on the original 2022-2023 School Calendar. CCSD approved the change resulting in the last day of school now being Friday, May 26, 2023. The school board needed to approve the revisions to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. Gary Wiskus moved to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar revisions. Bob Lally seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **New Business:**

#### A. Last Day of School this year - May 24, 2022 - two-hour early dismissal

#### B. Holy Spirit & St. Lawrence Center Lease Agreement with St. John Paul II Parish

The board members reviewed the lease agreements presented. Joe Behrens moved to approve the lease agreements with St. John Paul II Parish for the Holy Spirit and St. Lawrence Centers. Gary Wiskus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### C. Softball Field 7 Lease

The lease with the City of Carroll for Softball Field 7 in the city’s north youth sports complex was presented as a one-year lease to the board. This agreement will give the City and Kuemper time to figure out a way to get softball playing back by Merchants Park. The softball team will still use the adult slow pitch fields for the CYO tournament this summer. Bob Lally motioned to approve the Softball Field 7 one-year lease. Carrie Meyers seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### D. Merchants Concession Stand Lease

The opportunity was presented to Kuemper to run the concession stand for the high school baseball games, Merchants baseball games, and State Baseball. Robin Harrington, who runs the concession stands for Kuemper, agreed to run the Merchants Concession stand this summer and find volunteers to help. Kuemper Catholic School needs to lease the concession stand from the City of Carroll. Gary Wiskus moved to approve the Merchants Concession Stand Lease. Fr. Cronin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

#### Personnel

1. Resignations
  - a. Christy Neumayer - Food Service
  - b. Erin Campbell - Food Service
2. New Hires
  - a. Kyle Stevens - PK - 6 PE
  - b. Jennifer Roose - 9-12 Learning Center
  - c. Scott Leonard - Social Studies Grade 7
  - d. Rebecca Nelson - Science Grade 6

Gary Wiskus moved to go into Executive Session at 4:43 p.m. seconded by Carrie Meyers.

Fr. Richter moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 4:51 p.m., seconded by Fr. Friedrichsen. The motion passed.

Fr. Cronin led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 4:52 p.m., seconded by Bob Lally.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kuemper High School library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes  
President

Hannah Heiman  
Recording Secretary