

REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, January 18, 2022

The January meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 3:30 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, Bob Lally, Carrie Meyers, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, Dr. John Evans (virtually), and Gary Wiskus.

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

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Fr. Kevin Richter moved to approve the December 21st meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. The group shared positive happenings including teachers reading a book by Ron Clark inspiring teachers to bring passion to what they do and building great relationships with kids. Ron Clark virtually visited Kuemper during a recent professional development day and gave a presentation. High school students helped share a presentation at the Leadership Conference at DMACC. Another Bright Knight moment was a big shout-out to staff and administration for keeping the school open and running smoothly. Kim Miller has also been a huge help in finding substitute teachers when staff has been gone.

Administrator and Staff Reports:

Administrative Reports

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

Marketing & Enrollment

Erin Sundrup's written report stated that enrollment as of January 12, 2022, is 1152 students. Catholic Schools Week planning is underway with Chamber Coffee scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2022. The baby/toddler Knight Crawl for #FutureKnights is making a comeback this basketball season. It will take place during the halftime of the girl's varsity basketball game. Discover Kuemper Preschool night has been scheduled and will take place on March 23, 2022. So far, 72 families have expressed interest in the Kuemper location. The new Kuemper outdoor feather flag banners will be used for Catholic Schools Week.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated the alumni Phone-a-thon officially wraps up on February 1, 2022. The Phone-a-thon total as of January 12, 2022, is \$213,705. Last year's total at this time was \$205,721.92.

Kuemper Ball Kick-Off was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Greasewood Flats. Matt and Jenna Lujano generously donated the space. The 2022 Kuemper Ball theme was announced as "A KNIGHT OF HOPE." The kick-off had an excellent turnout and packets with ticket sale call sheets and instructions were given to the volunteer workers. The Kuemper Ball will be held at the Kuemper Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 5:30 P.M. until midnight.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report thanked Peg Weitzl and Bob Muhlbauer for serving six years on the Kuemper Foundation board. Kris Quandt is a new member of the Foundation board. Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund perks were highlighted such as a faculty and staff tuition break of 12.5%, Longevity Personal Days, Unused Accumulated Sick Days for Retiring Qualified Employees, Employee Referral Bonus, License Renewal Credit, and Free Child Care after school on school days. The 2021 Advent and Easter gifts were personally distributed to all staff. Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation distributions for 2021-2022 Kuemper was allocated \$486,324 and ended up receiving \$557,440. The peer-to-peer Teacher Tribute Appeal final was \$106,086.13. Sponsor-A-Student received a total of \$9,696 in 2021 to help families in need. The Foundation received the biggest gift in Kuemper history \$779,116.84 from the Ron Ocken Estate. Ron had 34 nieces and nephews, with 20 graduates from Kuemper. In addition, he had 27 great-nieces and nephews who are also Kuemper graduates and four great-great nieces and nephews currently attending or graduated from Kuemper.

Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for December 2021 and the 2021-22 working fiscal year budget.

Committee Reports:

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Marketing & Enrollment

The committee discussed marketing Catholic Schools Week and the Chamber coffee kick-off. An update was given on the *KuemperCares* 3-Year-Old Preschool program that will start in Fall 2022. At the time of the meeting, the two-morning sessions were full and the afternoon sessions had some spots available. A Knight Mascot costume was discussed and will be researched. Kuemper will hold a town hall meeting on February 24, 2022. The event will be more of a social event to help increase attendance. A parish verification form was discussed to build parish participation by Kuemper parents. The form would be used initially as a way to verify families are members of a parish. Nothing was decided at this time.

2. Leadership & Governance

The committee discussed board membership rotation and Fr. Cronin was able to come up with different ideas but nothing was decided at this time. Policy research is being done regarding the monitoring of vaping in school bathrooms. They also discussed Town Hall meeting ideas and what they will highlight that evening. John Steffes will continue *Kuemper Conversations* in parishes each fall.

3. KuemperCares Committee

The committee met and the director, Chelsey Goetzinger, gave staff and center updates. *KuemperCares* enrollment numbers for 2021-2022 school year are as follows: Wraparound=43, After School=46, Total=89. This is an increase of seven children from last year. *KuemperCares* rate changes for the 2022-2023 school year were presented. The snack fee is now included in the price for families. The rate increases were presented to the school board. Gary Wiskus moved to approve the 2022-2023 *KuemperCares* rate changes as presented, seconded by Bob Lally. The motion passed.

New Business:**A. 3-year-old Preschool Bathroom Bid**

Gary Wiskus gave a breakdown of the final 3-year-old preschool bathroom bids that were recommended by the Buildings and Ground committee. Joe Behrens moved to approve the bid selection. Gary Wiskus seconded the motion. Motion carries.

B. International Student Partnership Agreement FYI

The International Student Partnership Agreement FYI sheet was explained by John Steffes. The partnership is to promote and recruit host families for new exchange students. He spoke about the importance from a marketing and enrollment perspective along with building cultural diversity to have international students here in our school.

C. February Board meeting time change discussion

The time change was discussed for the February board meeting due to scheduling conflicts. The board discussed and thought it would work best to move the meeting to February 22nd at 4 PM. Hannah will send new reminders to all school board members and cancel the February 15th meeting on the calendar.

Personnel**1. Resignations**

- a. Jackie Kitch

2. New Hires

- a. Alan Loew - Development Director

Gary Wiskus moved to go into Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. Bob Lally seconded. The motion passed.

Fr. Friedrichsen moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 4:46 p.m. Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed.

Father Friedrichsen led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 4:47 p.m. Fr. Cronin seconded. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the Kuemper High School library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Hannah Heiman
Recording Secretary