

## **REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, August 16, 2022**

The August meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, August 16, 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, Fr. Terry Roder, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, Joe Behrens, and Gary Wiskus. Bob Lally attended virtually. Carrie Meyers and Dr. John Evans were absent.

Also present were President John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan, business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup, and future board members Allisa Tiefenthaler and Laura Schaefer.

The board welcomed Fr. Terry Roder, Allisa Tiefenthaler and Laura Schaefer.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Fr. Kevin Richter. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. The group shared positive happenings including a big thank you to our custodial crew, students stepping up to help with baseball concessions this summer as well as the student council members preparing material for fellow students regarding positive behavior for this upcoming school year.

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

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

### Marketing & Enrollment Management

In Erin Sundrup's written report she stated the enrollment estimate for fall 2022 is 1151. We started the 2021-2022 school year with 1153. We have 84 preschoolers and 26 3-year-old preschools registered for the 2022-2023 school year so with 3-year-old preschools total enrollment estimate is 1177. The Family Fun Knight picnic in conjunction with the open house will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup>. A Latino Recruitment sub-committee is being formed. Erin attended the Adelante Conference at Notre Dame which was focused on Latino recruitment and enrollment. The committee will begin meeting to help form ideas on how to gain and retain Latino families at Kuemper.

### Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated that Century Club pass sales are in full swing. Kuemper Ball Golf and Game outing will be on September 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be booster club concession vouchers handed out at the golf outing for those going to the home Kuemper football after the golf tournament. Reunion postcards, invitations, and class lists are coming in steadily. The alumni office is looking forward to a great homecoming weekend in September.

### Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Alan Loew's written report stated the Kuemper Faith Forward campaign has received \$9,092,265.12 in gifts and pledges. As of July 31, the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation has collected \$171,925 towards Kuemper's 2022 goal of \$850,186. All Eternal Knights were invited to attend the annual "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" Baseball Grill-Out in June. Approximately 75 Eternal Knights were served dinner and the Knights won the ball game. Bishop's Dinner will be held on September 17, 2022. The Guest Speaker will be Nick Nurse, Kuemper Class of '85. This year's chair couple is Roger ('85) and Kathy Berg.

### Finance & Budget

Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for June 2022 and the preliminary totals for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The Finance Committee will meet on September 8th and the final budget for 2022-2023 will be presented to the board when enrollment numbers are finalized.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A. Academic Excellence**

The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) data were discussed. The scores were very good overall. Preliminary discussion took place regarding Fr. Kuemper Honor Society which would be another layer to the current National Honor Society. Kuemper's Long Range Diocesan Plan is due Spring of 2023 based on the Diocesan plan. The committee recommended new Annual Progress Report (APR) goals for the upcoming school year.

### **New Business:**

#### **A. APR Goals for 2022-2023**

Joe Behrens moved to approve the APR Goals for the 2022-2023 school year as presented, seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

#### **B. Preschool Agreement with CCSD**

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the preschool agreement with CCSD for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Fr. Richter. The motion passed.

#### **C. Food Service Adult Meal Price**

Adult meal price state guidelines were discussed, and the price cannot be below \$4.13. Board discussed and agreed on \$4.25 for the adult meal price. Fr. Richter moved to approve the adult meal price at \$4.25 for the 2022-2023 school year. Fr. Cronin seconded. The motion passed.

#### **D. Merchants Park Update – Concessions and Kuemper Pledge**

Concessions went well at Merchants Park this year. Kuemper has pledged \$10,000 toward the Merchants Park update using some proceeds from the concessions. Concessions are confident they can fulfill the pledge of \$10,000 over two years to help with improvements at Merchants Park.

#### **E. Parent Parish Assessments Communication Update**

Parishes are significantly behind on their assessments to Kuemper. The Finance Committee will be meeting to create information and examples of what tuition increases

could look like in the future if parish assessments trends continue. The pastors will also work with John Steffes on communications about this.

The board thanked Gary Wiskus and Dr. John Evans for their time and service on the Kuemper School Board.

### **Personnel**

#### **A. Resignations**

#### **B. New Hires**

1. Jill Janson – Kindergarten Teacher
2. Marla Renze – 3YO Preschool Teacher
3. Abigail Glass – Grade 5
4. Dr. Julie Perkins – Grade 7 Science
5. Jennifer Roose – 9-12 Learning Center
6. Nicci Gruszczyka – 7-8 Secretary/Sub Coordinator
7. Lori Soyer – Food Service

#### **C. Open Positions Update**

Ted Garringer gave an open positions update. Kuemper is currently looking for a Spanish teacher. Winnie Geehlan-Potthoff is currently filling in for Spanish III and IV. They are looking at an online product with a spanish-speaking teacher aide for Spanish I & II. Otherwise all teaching positions are filled which has been very challenging with the current teacher shortage.

Gary Wiskus moved to go into Executive Session at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Fr. Richter. The motion passed.

Gary Wiskus moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:12 p.m., seconded by Joe Behrens. The motion passed.

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the administrative team salaries as presented for 2022-2023 school year. Joe Behrens seconded. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 5:16 p.m., seconded by Bob Lally. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes  
President

Hannah Heiman  
Recording Secretary