

REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, April 18, 2023

The April meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by chairman Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, April 18, 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, and Fr. Michael Cronin. Bob Lally virtually. Fr. Kevin Richter was absent. Also present were President John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan, and business manager, Christie Sundrup.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Fr. Michael Cronin moved to approve the March 21 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Carrie Meyers. The motion passed.

Bright Knight Moments

Administrators shared positive moments including the support for Then Feed Just One packing event which supplied over 150,000 meals. *Cinderella*, the musical, was a great success with a large turnout in attendance. Third grade students started a unit in finances and were mentored by local banks. The bank representatives said the students were very respectful.

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. Discover Kuemper Preschool Night was a huge success. We received many positive comments. Computers were set up to register for preschool while having one-on-one time with teachers as families toured the facility. 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. 83% of families have completed registration for next year.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Heather Pietig's written report stated the Kuemper Ball will be held at the Kuemper Fieldhouse on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 5:30 P.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lidderdale will cater. Live music, live auction, and lots of fun! The ball booklet was finalized as of 4/13 so no other donation will be noted in the program. People are welcome to give and will be listed under the Ball Blitz Slide Show on the evening at the Kuemper Ball. Requests for alumni class reunion postcards and class lists are coming in steadily. We are looking forward to a great Homecoming weekend September 29, 2023.

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 (April 11, 2023), our campaign has received \$10,690,608.94 in gifts and pledges. Msgr. Lafferty's Tuition 2023 goal is \$836,127. As of March 31, Kuemper has raised \$48,419.00 (16 donors). In March 2022, \$114,210.84 was raised. There will be several new 2023-24 scholarships. The Father Jeff Schleisman Scholarships will award five \$500 annual scholarships to incoming freshman and four \$500 scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen by an anonymous donor.

Finance & Budget

Christie Sundrup reviewed the General Fund income and expenses for March 2023.

Committee Reports

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

Marketing and Enrollment

Kuemper 4-Year-Old Preschool Open House was held March 29th from 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Tuition and ESA documents were handed out to Kuemper families.

Buildings and Grounds

John Steffes updated the board on Capital Campaign Projects for this summer that include updated Holy Spirit bathrooms and windows as well as various landscaping of the main entrance of Kuemper High School

Old Business:

ESAs Update

Christie Sundrup and Kris Collison will be attending the ESA State Summit meeting in Ankeny, April 20-21, 2023. We are still waiting for the state to announce when parents can sign up for an ESA on their online site.

RAGBRAI Update

The Fieldhouse will be available for approximately 90 adaptive/handicap riders. KHS showers will be available for campers at Southside Park and Rolling Hills Park. Storm shelters will be available at Saint Lawrence Center and Kuemper High School.

New Business:

Diocesan Strategic Plan Update

Fr. Michael Cronin spoke on strategic planning with ESAs rolling out soon. This process is being delayed to the fall for a variety of reasons including ESAs.

Personnel

1. Resignations
2. New Hires
 - a. Jenny Stock - 7th Grade Literacy
 - b. Glenn Babb - Teacher Associate
 - c. Sandy Davis - Teacher Associate

Joe Behrens moved to go into Executive Session at 4:37 p.m., and Laura Schaefer seconded. The motion passed.

Joe Behrens moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 4:38 p.m. Carrie Meyers seconded.

Closing prayer led by Fr. Michael Cronin.

Laura Schaefer moved to adjourn at 4:41 p.m., and Fr. Michael Cronin seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Nicci Gruszczyka
Recording Secretary