The April meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Tom Brincks, Dr. John Evans, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Carrie Meyers, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Randy Schon, Mike Sibbel and Gary Wiskus. Absent was Bob Lally.

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.

Deacon Mark Prosser was present to answer questions about current diocesan pastoral planning. Pastor planning will be ongoing. Prosser reported that the Kuemper resolution sent to the diocese last month asking the Bishop and the diocesan pastoral planning committee to reconsider elements of the pastoral planning changes to Carroll county was declined, and that the scheduled parish changes will still move forward as planned.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected (change Ministry 2025 pastoral changes to diocesan pastoral planning) of the March 16th meeting was made by Fr. Tim Friedrichsen and seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

Administrator and Staff Reports:

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

Marketing & Enrollment Management
In Susie Hulst’s written report she stated that the enrollment as of 4-13-21 is 1,130 students, up one since last month. The Discover Kuemper Preschool Night went better than expected. There are currently 89 students on the preschool interest survey for the 2021-2022 school year. Discover Kuemper High School night (freshman orientation) was held April 15th.

Alumni/Annual Giving
Cindy Lawler reported that the Ball is going well and the chaircouples are working very hard. The Ball is May 1.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation
Sharon Olerich’s written report stated that as of March 31st, $49,139.48 of the $736,166 goal has been collected for the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Fund. Mary Schon and Denise Higgins are sponsoring new scholarships for 2021-2022. Over 9,000 alumni peer to peer letters will be sent in June for the Teacher Tribute Appeal. The next regular Foundation meeting is April 29th.

Finance & Budget
Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for March 2021, the 2020-2021 Working Fiscal Year Budget.

Committee Reports:
A. Committee Meeting Minutes
1. Buildings & Grounds – March 30
   Nick Wittrock and his staff will work on St. Lawrence lobby bathrooms this summer. Mr. Haefs will follow up with Ms. Hagan on Family and Consumer Science layout. Work on the St. Angela
bathrooms should start in May. Kuemper Foundation will discuss a possible campaign feasibility study in late April. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 29th at 5:30 p.m.

2. Teacher Recruitment/Retention Subcommittee – April 12
John Steffes will visit with Susie Hulst in Marketing regarding a possible video for teacher recruitment. John will also forward the $500 extra referral fee for KHS openings for 2021-22 recommendations to the KCSS board. Gary Wiskus moved to accept the recommendation of the $500 extra referral fee for KHS teacher openings for 2021-22. Fr. Kevin Richter seconded. The motion passed.

3. Marketing & Recruitment – April 12
The Committee gave positive feedback on the Discover Kuemper Preschool Night. Susie Hulst reported that the 2021-22 enrollment should be pretty close to or exceed 1157, the enrollment total at the end of the 19/20 school year.

Old Business:
A. 2021-2022 Support Staff & Coaching Staff Lists
The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Support Staff & Coaching Staff Lists for the 2021-2022 school year.

Personnel
A. Resignations
1. Cindy Kirsch - Food Service
2. Jen Tiefenthaler - Kindergarten
3. Donna Waite - English, Jr. High

B. Early Retirement
1. Joanie Buelt - Administrative Secretary

C. New Hires
1. Shannon Schleisman - Grade 2
2. Madison Wendl - Kindergarten

Gary Wiskus moved to go into Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. seconded by Mike Sibbel.

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:24 p.m., seconded by Fr. Kevin Richter. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter led the closing prayer.

Fr. Randy Schon moved to adjourn at 5:26 p.m., seconded by Gary Wiskus.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Joanie Buelt
Recording Secretary