Gary Wiskus moved to go into Executive Session at 3:34p.m. Father Cronin seconded. The motion passed.

Father Richter moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 3:56 p.m. Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed.

The October meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Greteman Center. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Joe Behrens, Tom Brincks, Bob Lally, Carrie Meyers, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, Dr. John Evans, and Gary Wiskus. Fr. Tim Friedrichsen was absent.

Also present were President John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer, Pete Haefs and Kathi Milligan; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup; school nurse Lizzy Behrens.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the September 21st meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Bob Lally. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. The group shared positive happenings including: high school students had a positive discussion regarding dress down attire; teachers did a great job accommodating both in person and virtual conferences; and 7th & 8th grade students assisting the elementary students during lunch with the new salad bar.

**Administrator and Staff Reports:**

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

**Marketing & Enrollment**
Susie Hulst’s written report stated that parish secretaries/ministry coordinators will be meeting with the Kuemper Advancement team this month to promote parish/school relationships. Several families have expressed interest in Kuemper for next school year (22-23).

**Alumni/Annual Giving**
Heather Pietig’s written report stated that the Kuemper Ball kick off will take place on January 12, 2022. Homecoming was a success; had a great alumni turnout at the luncheon and social. The phonathon kicked off this week. Students were a big help and did great speaking on the phone.

**Development/Fundraising – Foundation**
Sharon Olerich’s written report stated that the Kuemper Foundation board approved moving forward with a capital campaign. Msgr. Lafferty donations provide a 75% state tax credit. Kuemper has collected $309,079 (48%) towards our goal of $638,298. The peer-to-peer teacher tribute appeal wrapped up with a total of $101,435.13. Received $25,000 from the Pella Corporation grant for replacement windows for the west side of the high school. The biennial Foundation appreciation social was held on September 23.
Finance & Budget
Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for September 2021 and the 2021-22 working fiscal year budget. The board discussed the relaunch of the finance subcommittee to evaluate finance progress.

Committee Reports:
A. Committee Meeting Minutes
   1. Buildings & Grounds
      The Buildings & Grounds committee met on September 28. Bathrooms for the 3 year old preschool program are moving forward. The Family & Consumer Science room remodel bids will be going out soon. New windows will be installed on the high school west side. Steven Berger will look into cameras for the NE corner of the high school. 30 AC window units have been purchased. The steps in the St. Lawrence gym (SW) will be removed to allow more playing room with the new bleachers that will be installed.
   2. Academic Excellence
      ISASP test data was presented with areas of strength as well as growth areas were both above state averages. The STAR data was presented and discussions of a shift to FASTBridge assessment was discussed. Administration will continue to look for a 7-12 secondary assessment. Conversations regarding making service work more authentic and required but not graded at the high school level were discussed. PBIS, a reward system that rewards positive behavior, has been implemented in K-6 and is going well.

New Business:
A. School Nurse Report
   Kuemper School Nurse, Lizzy Behrens presented on her duties and responsibilities that she takes on throughout the school year. She presented a month by month summary of the year.
B. Snow Days
   John Steffes updated the board regarding upcoming snow days. He will be in conversation with Carroll Community School (for transportation logistics) and update as more is decided.
C. Kuemper Conversations
   John Steffes updated the board that he will be reinstating the Kuemper Conversations after Sunday mass in the local parishes in the upcoming weeks.
D. Update Corporate Resolution & Signatures
   Fr. Richter moved to approve the updated corporate resolution. Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed.
E. The diocese has hired the Meitler Group for long-range planning for all schools in the diocese. They will be visiting Kuemper on November 8.

Personnel
A. Resignations/Departures
   1. Jina Brincks
   2. Sharon Olerich
   3. James Straight
B. New Hires
   1. Marla Renze-Teacher’s Aide/KuemperCares

Father Richter led the closing prayer.
Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. Bob Lally seconded. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Kuemper High School Library. Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes                                      Jina Brincks
President                                          Recording Secretary