REPORT ON BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, August 17, 2021

The August meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, August 17, 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, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Bob Lally, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Michael Cronin, Mike Sibbel, Dr. John Evans, and Gary Wiskus. Absent was Carrie Meyers.

Also present were President John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer, Pete Haefs, Kathi Milligan and Mike Power; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup, and future board member Joe Behrens.

The board welcomed Fr. Michael Cronin and Joe Behrens.

An Opportunity for Input was extended.

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the June 15th meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Fr. Tim Friedrichsen. The motion passed.

Bright Knight moments were shared. The group shared positive happenings including the school receiving the Governor’s Volunteer Award, the success of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. as well as the new teachers’ enthusiasm to begin the school year.

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

Marketing & Enrollment Management
In Susie Hulst’s written report she stated that the enrollment estimate for fall 2021 is 1152 as of now which is up 24 students from the end of last school year. The board was given the results of the year end parent survey with small class sizes being the top reason for choosing Kuemper closely followed by faith infusion into the classrooms.

Alumni/Annual Giving
Heather Pietig’s written report stated that Century Club pass sales are in full swing. Homecoming is set for September 24, 2021 with a full schedule of reunions and celebrations. The annual alumni phonathon is scheduled for October 12, 14, 19, & 21 this year.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation
No written report.

Finance & Budget
Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for June 2021 and the preliminary totals for the 2020-21 fiscal year. The Finance Committee will meet September 9th and the final budget for 2021-22 will be presented to the board when enrollment numbers are finalized.

Committee Reports:
A. Committee Meeting Minutes
1. Buildings & Grounds
Remodel of the St. Angela Center boys bathrooms are underway. Project will be completed by the beginning of school. Updates to the preschool playground will be made and paid for using preschool funds. An estate gift from Ron Ocken will make it possible to replace the gym bleachers at the St. Lawrence Center possibly over Christmas break and the high school in the summer of 2022. The buildings and grounds also discussed the capital campaign feasibility study being conducted by the Foundation Board. The possible capital campaign plans include several buildings and grounds projects including system wide bathroom updates, fire panel/alarm system upgrades, flooring for all centers, new HVAC for Holy Spirit & St. Lawrence centers, redesign of Family & Consumer Science Room, Holy Spirit Center parking lot, phone intercom upgrade, windows for Holy Spirit Center & KHS west side. The next meeting is scheduled for September 28 at 5:30pm.

2. Academic Excellence
Kathi Milligan announced the theme for this year is “Counting Every Blessing”. Teachers will be working on Social Emotional Behavioral Training. Test scores were very good overall and students and staff worked hard to get kids back where they needed to be. The committee created the APR goals for the upcoming school year.

3. Marketing and Enrollment Management
New goals were made for the 2021-22 school year. The committee discussed the results of the year end parent survey as well as new families and names of potential families.

Old Business:
A. Optional Kindergarten Calendar Change
   The board voted via email on July 19, 2021 to change the optional kindergarten calendar to match the preschool calendar for the 2021-22 school year.
B. Mini Bus Update
   Mike Power updated the board that the school will be using 4 minibuses for activities transportation this school year; three will be leased.

New Business:
A. APR Goals for 2021-22
   Dr. John Evans moved to approve the APR Goals for the 2021-22 school year as presented, seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.
B. Preschool Agreement with CCSD
   Gary Wiskus moved to approve the preschool agreement with CCSD for the 2021-22 school year, seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.
C. COVID-19 Protocol Updates
   Administrators updated the board on the Sioux City Diocese guidance for COVID-19.

The board thanked Mike Sibbel for his time and service on the Kuemper School Board.

Personnel
A. Resignations
   1. Elise Soyer
   2. Veronica Franco
   3. Renee Golwitzer
   4. Nicci Gruszeczka
C. New Hires
   1. Dr. Angela Fay-ELA 9-12
   2. William Theobald-HS Math
   3. Reginald Conrad-FT Custodian
   4. Brooklyn Danner-PT KuemperCares
   5. Erin Sundrup-PT Marketing Assistant
   6. Jonathon McCarty-PT Custodian
   7. Lonnie Miller-Volleyball Coach

The board discussed the upcoming capital campaign feasibility study by the Kuemper Foundation. The Foundation board will decide by mid September whether to conduct a capital campaign.

Bob Lally moved to go into Executive Session at 5:17 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:27 p.m., seconded by Fr. Tim Friedrichsen. The motion passed.

Fr. Michael Cronin led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 5:29 p.m., seconded by Bob Lally. The motion passed.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.
Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Jina Brincks
Recording Secretary