

**Kuemper Catholic School System  
Board of Education Minutes  
October 15, 2019**

The October meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Cam Janson, on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 4:05 p.m. in the KHS high school library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer.

Members present included: Tom Brincks, Dr. John Evans, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Cam Janson, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Randy Schon, Mike Sibbel, Kristin Vonnahme and Gary Wiskus.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Pete Haefs, Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business manager, Kris Collison; and teacher representative, Elise Soyer.

An Opportunity for Public Input was extended.

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting was made by Fr. Gary Wiskus and seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

**Bright Knight Moments**

Board members shared various positive activities happening throughout Kuemper.

**Administrator and Staff Reports:**

Administrative Reports – Written reports were submitted by Pete Haefs, Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan and Chad Klein.

Marketing & Enrollment Management

No report.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Cindy Lawler stated in her written report that plans are underway for a trip to Minneapolis on January 18, 2020 to see the Raptors play the Timberwolves. All Minnesota alumni have been invited to the reception that Nick Nurse said he would be at. The Prenger group continues to provide consultation services for the phon-a-thon and the ball. Cindy and Sharon Olerich will be attending the “BBCon” Fundraising Conference in Nashville in October.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich’s written report stated that as of the June 30, 2019 Quarterly Report the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund was at \$1,087,510. In August & September another \$65,000 was transferred from the *Kuemper Tomorrow* Capital Campaign. At this time a total of \$440,000 has been transferred to the TSEF for the final component of the capital campaign. Over \$2,800 has been raised at this time for the Sponsor-A-Student Tuition Assistance Fund. The next issue of the ***Knight Light*** will be mailed in early December. Anointing Masses will be held at St. Lawrence on Wednesday, October 23 and at Holy Spirit on Thursday, October 24. A reception with coffee and rolls will follow the Mass. St. Lawrence Center Grandparent’s Day will be Thursday, November 6.

Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for September and the 2018-2019 Working Fiscal Year Budget, and also the General Fund balance sheet ending September 2019.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Leadership & Governance – September 24

The committee reviewed and discussed the board’s self-evaluation results. The committee reviewed two versions of the Dollar Thresholds policy. They recommended using policy 3507. The committee reviewed and tabled the Diocesan 4000 Series Policies until they have time to review the KCSS 4000 Series Policies. The next meeting will be January 14 at 5:00 p.m.

2. Buildings & Grounds – October 8

Several softball parents have requested to research sharing a city softball field (north Little League city complex – field #7). John Steffes will confirm CCSD pricing for next year.

For purposes to compare with the CCSD softball field, Mike Sibbel moved for administration to contact the City of Carroll to write a proposal for KCSS to use the north Little League city complex – field #7 for softball. John Evans seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Steven Berger is contacting an engineer for traffic flow advice in the KHS parking lot. Mindi Simons provided suggestions for the St. Angela 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Entrance – Ceiling Repair. A St. Joseph statue has been ordered and will be installed northwest of the KHS parking lot. Klein Fencing at St. Lawrence was \$3,730 and is complete. The next meeting is November 25 at 5:00 p.m.

### 3. Academic Excellence – October 10

The committee will work to make the Father Kuemper Honor Society more active.

An ACT prep product is being purchased by the Guidance Department.

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Book club in 4-6 if going forward on a small scale. Shop and STEM are probable.

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen moved to approve the establishment of a Counseling Advisory Subcommittee. This will be a sub-committee of the Academic Excellence Committee. Kristen Vonnahme seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16 at 12:05 p.m..

### 4. Catholic Identity – October 10

Theology of the Body is being taught in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Sarah Swafford will be at Kuemper for Rekindle (Grades 7-12) and speaking to the students about Emotional Virtue and Drama-free Life. The ad-hoc sub-committee will continue to review ways to increase authentic Christian service within KCSS. A discussion was held on modesty and dress code. Father Behm suggested we consider “meatless” Fridays joining in sharing of our Lord’s crucifixion. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 9 at 5:00 p.m.

## **New Business:**

### A. Standing Committees of the Board

The Board reviewed the Standing Committees of the Board. Committee members will stand as listed.

### B. Foster Grandparent Memorandum of Understanding

Gary Wiskus moved to approve the recommended 3 Year Foster Grandparent Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Tom Brincks. The motion passed.

### C. *KuemperCares* Handbook Revisions

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen moved to approve the recommended *KuemperCares* handbook revisions which state “Staff members will be allowed to work at part time jobs outside the center as long as it does not interfere with their current position, job performance, or well-being of the center. Fr. Kevin Richter seconded. The motion passed.

### D. KCSS Policy 3507 (New) – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen moved to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the new KCSS Policy 3507 – Buildings & Grounds Committee Purchasing Authority with the revision to bullet #2 – There are sufficient funds in the General Fund Budget – Capital Outlay General. Gary Wiskus seconded the motion. The motion passed.

John Evans moved to go into Executive Session at 5:27 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

Mike Sibbel moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:29 p.m., seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter led the closing prayer.

Mike Sibbel moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m., seconded by Gary Wiskus.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes  
President

Joanie Buel  
Recording Secretary