

**Kuemper Catholic School System**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**February 19, 2019**

The February meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Cam Janson, on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 4:00 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, Cam Janson, Fr. Kevin Richter, Mike Sibbel, Fr. Mark Stoll, Kristin Vonnahme and Gary Wiskus. Absent was Fr. Randy Schon.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Pete Haefs, Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business manager, Christie Sundrup; teacher representative, Danielle Sitzman, 6-8.

An Opportunity for Public Input was extended with no one present.

Students in Vocational Agriculture/FFA, Jake Kemper, Ethan Irlbeck and Nathan Kroeger provided a brief overview of recent FFA activities including the management of the Kuemper owned plot. FFA instructor, Brady Eischeid, stated that the FFA Banquet is Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m. at the Templeton Center; the Faculty/Staff Breakfast will be Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> and Tractor/Truck Day is Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting was made by Fr. Kevin Richter and seconded by John Evans. The motion passed.

#### Bright Knight Moments

Board members shared various positive activities happening throughout Kuemper.

Nic Prenger, of Prenger Solutions Group shared specific recommendations on how to improve Kuemper fundraising, especially on-line. Gary Wiskus made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Kuemper Foundation Board to hire Prenger Solutions Group for a one year term, seconded by Fr. Mark Stoll. The Kuemper Foundation will assume expenses incurred by the Prenger Solutions Group. The motion passed.

#### **Administrator and Staff Reports:**

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

#### Marketing & Enrollment Management

In Susie Hulst's written report she stated that Catholic Schools Week was a success. Discover Kuemper Night (kindergarten round up) was February 13<sup>th</sup>. A shadow a student and take a tour campaign will start in the next couple weeks to spark interest for new students for the 2019-2020 school year. John Steffes added that the Branding Subcommittee is meeting in March and is getting close to finalizing a revised logo and will work at building consistency. John will share any new logo with the Board before they are publicized along with marketing plans for building a consistent Kuemper brand.

#### Alumni/Annual Giving

Cindy Lawler stated in her written report that the 2018 Phon-a-thon wrapped up on February 1<sup>st</sup> with over \$184,000 being raised. The 2019 Friends of Kuemper Ball is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Kuemper Fieldhouse with the theme being *Escape the Knight*. This year's chair couples are Josh & Valerie Riesberg and Rich & Tonya Ortner. The Spring issue of the KnightLetter is being prepared and will be mailed in March.

#### Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report stated that the total pledges for the *Kuemper Tomorrow* Capital Campaign are \$5,298,121. The cash balance is \$122,209. The Sponsor-A-Student wrapped up with \$6,137. The Kuemper Foundation has purchased the Holy Spirit Convent from St. John Paul II Parish in January.

#### Finance & Budget

Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for January and the 2018-2019 Working Fiscal Year Budget.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### A. Committee Meeting Minutes

##### 1. Finance & Budget – January 15 & February 13

The committee reviewed and discussed 12/31/18 financials and 2019-2020 Budgeting. John Steffes & Patty Lansink will meet with Fr. Joe Dillinger, pastor of St. Mary's, Sac City to discuss financial obligations to KCSS.

##### 2. Academic Excellence – February 5

The committee discussed the Housing of Grades Subcommittee. This committee has defined eight different models and has narrowed it down to two options: leave existing grades as is, or move grades 4 & 5 at St. Angela to St. Lawrence Center, and move grades 7 & 8 at St. Lawrence Center to St. Angela. A recommendation will be made to the Board for its March meeting.

The Town Hall meeting will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. John Evans agreed to facilitate the Academic session along with the administrators. Pete Haefs shared an update on the LKAN (Local College Access Network). This grant program would provide resources to address workforce needs and increase education attainment. New courses for KHS were discussed. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12.

##### 3. Buildings & Grounds – February 12

Tom Brincks made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Buildings & Grounds committee to accept the low bid of \$53,000 for a concrete perimeter around the Holy Spirit Center, and to delay the main asphalt project for a year or two. Gary Wiskus seconded. The motion passed. The siding project for the south side of KHS will be delayed to research other options that since arose. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10.

##### 4. Catholic Identity – February 12

The committee discussed the progress of the Five-Year Strategic Goals for reviewing at the Town Hall meeting. Erin Bohlmann, Ann Pugh and Martha Stout will represent this committee at the Town Hall meeting. Promotion for the Jason Evert event was discussed. The committee recommended supporting the continuing collaboration with the Dominican Sisters of Nashville for professional development over the next 3-5 years to integrate faith across the curriculum. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 7.

### **Old Business:**

#### 1. Town Hall Meeting – Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the KHS Cafeteria .

#### 2. Jason Evert Dates

Internationally known Catholic speaker Jason Evert will be in Carroll the last week of February sharing the importance and benefits of chastity to students and parents. Students in grades 7-12 at Kuemper Catholic, St. Mary in Storm Lake, St. Edmond in Fort Dodge, and Bishop Heelan in Sioux City will hear his message during assemblies during the school day and parents and other students are invited to hear his messages on the evenings of Wednesday, February 27th and Thursday, February 28th in Carroll.

##### 1) Wednesday, February 27, 2019

The PURIFIED EVENT is two talks in one night, back-to-back, followed by time for confession and adoration.

- "Parenting for Purity" - 6:00pm - Holy Spirit Greteman Center

For parents only and parents with children of all ages. While the parents are hearing their talk, students are welcome to eat the meal provided.

- "Love or Lust" - 7:30pm - Holy Spirit Greteman Center

Students 13 and older. Parents welcome for this talk as well.

- 2) Thursday, February 28, 2019 - Details on Thursday Theology on Tap event - "Called to Love"  
- 6:30pm Social Time - 7:00pm Presentation begins - Carrollton Center, Carroll, Iowa
- 3) Friday, March 1, 2019 - Grades 7-12 Assembly during school day - "Love or Lust"

John Steffes gave an update on the Emergency Operations Plan and that the goal is to have this finalized for the Board to see in May for approval in June.

**New Business:**

A. Shared Sports Agreements

John Evans made a motion to accept the recommendation to enter into contracts on shared programs for girls & boys swimming with Carroll as the host; girls & boys cross country with Kuemper as host; girls & boys tennis with Kuemper as host. Kristin Vonnahme seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Personnel**

Resignations

1. Mary Ann Brincks
2. Denis Bormann
3. John Kitch
4. Danielle Sitzman

Fr. Kevin Richter made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

John Evans made a motion to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:42 p.m., seconded by Fr. Mark Stoll. The motion passed.

Fr. Mark Stoll led the closing prayer.

Fr. Mark Stoll made a motion to adjourn at 5:44 p.m., seconded by Fr. Kevin Richter.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
John Steffes  
President

Joanie Buelt  
Recording Secretary