

Kuemper Catholic School System
Board of Education Minutes
June 16, 2020

The June meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Cam Janson, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 4:08 p.m. in the KHS 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 and Gary Wiskus. Joining in by the zoom meeting were Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Fr. Randy Schon, Kristin Vonnahme and administrator, Kathi Milligan.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Pete Haefs and Ted Garringer; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup.

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th meeting was made by Gary Wiskus and seconded by Tom Brincks. 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 and Kathi Milligan.

Marketing & Enrollment Management

In Susie Hulst's written report she stated that the enrollment at the end of 2019-2020 was 1157 students. Susie will be following up with families that are leaving Kuemper with a phone call. She has started implementing #OurTeachersAreVirtuallyAwesome campaign on social media. This features one or two teachers a week about the great things they did and/or are still doing virtually. The www.kuemper.org/backtoschool webpage is being continuously updated with everything families need to know and do for back to school for 2020-2021. Families will be mailed a letter in late July driving them to this webpage. Booster Club president Brian Billmeier and Lori Schreck from Just Around the Corner, a consignment store, are working together to provide new clothing (from the Graphic Edge) to be sold in Just Around the Corner. Patrons should expect to see clothing in the store sometime this summer.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Cindy Lawler stated in her written report that the Kuemper Ball Chair couples would like to plan a golf outing and a band at the Country Club for late July. Information regarding class reunions is being posted on the Kuemper website.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report stated that over \$33,000 of extra tuition scholarships were awarded to 8th grade students to attend Kuemper for the 2020-21 school year. The next Kuemper Foundation meeting is scheduled for June 25th at 4:00 p.m. Applications from staff for the Marilyn Setzler Fine Arts Fund for the 2020-2021 school year were approved June 15th. The next KnightLight will be mailed in June to St. Angela graduates and Kuemper supporters. The Timmerman and Renze Grants will be applied for to be used for the high school north parking lot – steps, sidewalk, parking lines, etc.

Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for May 2020 and the 2019-2020 Working Fiscal Year Budget. A final budget will be presented to the Board in September after the final enrollment numbers are in. The Finance Committee will meet in late August/early September.

Committee Reports:

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Academic Excellence/School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)
John Evans reported that eight areas (Leadership, Equity, Health and Safety, Infrastructure, Data, Academic Standards, Social-Emotional-Behavioral Health and Catholic Identity) of the structure/elements of the Return to Learn Plan were reviewed by the Academic Excellence committee. The Annual Progress Report (APR) goals were reviewed and the background on the selection and analysis process for goals were discussed. The next Academic Excellence/SIAC committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13th at noon.

Old Business:

A. Return to Learn Plan Update

Administration must report to the State their plans for the Return to Learn Plan by July 1.

B. Buildings & Grounds – Summer Projects Update

John Steffes reported that the KHS parking lot will gain approximately 20 more parking spaces. The Building & Grounds committee will recommend a bid for the St. Angela Center restroom remodeling project after this summer's improvement work for the Board of Education to approve.

C. Graduation & Baccalaureate Plans

Graduation will be held Saturday, June 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Carroll stadium. Rain date is Sunday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. Baccalaureate will be held one of the last two weeks in July.

D. Name the Scoreboard

John Evans moved to approve the naming of the scoreboard in the KHS gym from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 for Maury & Marcella Nurse (as outlined in the June 16 Board packet). Mike Sibbel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

E. Board Rotation

Bob Lally, St. Ann's, Vail will replace Kristin Vonnahme, St. John, Arcadia. Carrie Meyers, St. John Paul II will replace Cam Janson, St. John Paul II. In order to get a better rotation of members, Mike Sibbel, St. Augustine, Halbur will serve one more year and John Evans, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will serve two more years. The new members will be observers at the August meeting with a social following. Elections of officers will be held in September.

New Business:

A. 2020-2021 Annual Progress Report (APR) Goals (SIAC Recommendation) **(Action)**

Tom Brincks moved to approve the 2020-2021 Annual Progress Report (APR) Goals recommended by the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC)/Academic Excellence Committee. Mike Sibbel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. *KuemperCares* Grant Received

KuemperCares received a \$1,500 rejuvenation grant from DHS/State of Iowa to restart their program that closed due to COVID-19.

Resignations

1. Winnie Geelan Potthoff – Spanish

New Employees

1. David Hackbarth – Grade 8 Science
2. Stephanie Letsch – High School English

Regional Diocesan Long Range Plan Update Meeting – Tuesday, September 10 – 5:30 p.m. in the KHS library. Dinner – 5:30 p.m., Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Tom Brincks moved to go into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. seconded by Gary Wiskus.

Gary Wiskus moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:47 p.m., seconded by John Evans. The motion passed.

Fr. Kevin Richter led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 5:48 p.m., seconded by John Evans.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Joanie Buelt
Recording Secretary