

Kuemper Catholic School System
Board of Education Minutes
March 19, 2019

The March meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Cam Janson, on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 3:00 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, Fr. Randy Schon, Mike Sibbel, and Gary Wiskus. Absent were Fr. Mark Stoll and Kristin Vonnahme.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Pete Haefs and Ted Garringer; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup; teacher representative, Kathy Brandt, K-5 and Abby Glass, 6-8.

An Opportunity for Public Input was extended. Susie Hulst and members of the Housing of Grades Committee; Kathy Stipe, Ryan Steinkamp, Jodi Steinbach, Beth Seidl, Connie Sapp, Steven Berger, Sarah Davis and Kayla Venner were present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting was made by Fr. Kevin Richter 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 Ryan Isgrig.

Marketing & Enrollment Management

In Susie Hulst's written report she stated that the Branding Committee approved several new and/or modified logos to start being used sometime in the near future. A handful of these new logos were distributed to Board members. Susie continues to respond to interested families in Shadow Days of school days.

Alumni/Annual Giving

Cindy Lawler stated in her written report that the final phone calls to the parish families will be made within the next couple of weeks. The 35th Annual Friends of Kuemper Ball is Saturday, April 27, 2019 at the Kuemper Fieldhouse. Chair-Couples for next year's Ball are Jeremy & Tina Schechinger, Bill & Laurie Schenkelberg, Kyle & Onica Ulveling and Tom & Paula Kasperbauer.

Development/Fundraising – Foundation

Sharon Olerich's written report stated that the Foundation is sponsoring a Charitable Gift Annuity Seminar on Thursday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Greteman Center. Kuemper's goal for the 2019 Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Foundation is \$646,207. The next regular Foundation meeting will be Wednesday, April 17. Kuemper will be taking 30+ students plus adults to the State Capitol on Tuesday, April 2 in support of school choice lobbying efforts.

Finance & Budget

Kris Collison reviewed the general fund income and expenses for February and the 2018-2019 Working Fiscal Year Budget.

Committee Reports:

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Marketing & Enrollment – March 4

Susie Hulst updated the Board on the revised Kuemper logos approved by the Branding Committee. The new logos include the modified version of the existing Kuemper shield and a new knight. There are 87 students on Kuemper's preschool interest list. John Steffes will visit with the CCSD superintendent about adding an extra section for Kuemper pre-school.

2. Catholic Identity – March 7

The Catholic Identity committee recommended to continue the momentum generated by the Jason Evert event and evangelize our school and community. The Board of Education will: commit to a culture of Theology of the Body beginning with reading Theology of the Body by Jason Evert; direct Kathi Milligan to research a curriculum for K-12 that integrates Theology of the Body; promote parental involvement in Theology of the Body; and develop strategies for planning and funding speakers on a regular basis.

3. Finance & Budget – February 13 & March 12

The Finance & Budget committee recommended Board of Education approval of the 2019-2020 General Fund Budget worksheet draft including tuition. John Steffes reported that Bishop Nickless is scheduled to meet with Fr. Dillinger regarding St. Mary's, Sac City past-due balance to Kuemper. 2018-2019 Distribution of Financial Aid stats, past-due balance summaries and SMART Tuition payment stats were reviewed.

4. Academic Excellence – March 12

The committee discussed notes from the Town Hall meeting – new courses/collaborations in the high school; ACT scores; grade sharing; new reading & science curriculum; and focus on STREAM. An update was given on the Fr. Kuemper Honor Society and where we are with the formal assessment & next steps – continue to deepen the process, not just surveys. There was also discussion around school clubs. The next meeting will be June 11, 2019 at noon.

Old Business:

1. Housing of Grades Report – Ted Garringer

Ted Garringer reported that 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. Members of the committee shared their views on opportunities and challenges. No action was taken at this time.

2. Regional Board of Education Strategic Planning Meeting – March 26, 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Education and Board Committee members will be attending this meeting along with Denison, Storm Lake and Boone diocesan schools.

New Business:

A. Approve Preliminary 2019-2020 General Fund Budget including tuition

Mike Sibbel made a motion to approve the recommended preliminary 2019-2020 General Fund Budget including tuition, seconded by Gary Wiskus. All ayes. The motion passed.

B. Administration, Certified Employee, Non Certified Employee, Coaching & Extra-Duty Lists for 2019-2020

The Board reviewed the Administration, Certified Employee, Non Certified Employee, Coaching & Extra-Duty Lists for 2019-2020.

C. Student Teacher Agreement – University of Northern Iowa

Fr. Kevin Richter made a motion to approve the Student Teacher Agreement with the University of Northern Iowa. Gary Wiskus seconded the motion. All ayes. The motion passed.

D. Food Service State Report

The State of Iowa, Bureau of Nutrition & Health Services has accepted Kuemper Food Service's response to the Administrative Review of child nutrition programs. This formal State review is done every three years.

Gary Wiskus made a motion to go into Executive Session at 4:40 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

Tom Brincks made a motion to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel. The motion passed.

Tom Brincks made a motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Mike Sibbel.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the KHS library.

Respectfully submitted,
John Steffes
President

Joanie Buelt
Recording Secretary