

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education
February 16, 2023
GICC Library 6:00 pm

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

Jim Rein called meeting to order. Fr. Jorge Canela led opening prayer.

Attendance:

Board members present: Rob Czaplewski, Rina Huntwork, Dustin Suminski, Chris McCarraher, Jeannee Mueller Fossberg, Jim Rein, Jackie Gellatly, Fr. Marty Egging, Fr. Jorge Canela also present: Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Dick Ross, Dr. Julie Henke, Mike Rohweder, Jolene Wojcik, Christi Rein

Absent: Fr. Thomas Vijumon, Fr. Don Buhrman

Approval of Agenda:

Jeannie Mueller Fossberg moved to approve the agenda; second by Rina Huntwork; agenda approved

Approval of Minutes:

Dustin Suminski moved to approve the minutes; second by Rina Huntwork; minutes approved

Audience Communication: None

Old Business: None

Reports:

Marketing:

- Preparing for Explore GICC Night

Curriculum: No Report

Building Committee: will be meeting within the next two months, Jim will send invite to committee members

Budget: No Report

Policy: No Report

Fine Arts:

- March 13 is conference music
- Fine Arts Showcase April 30

Booster Club:

- Hall of Fame inductions during Lexington basketball game
- May 10 – ABC Banquet

Administrators Reports:

Vice Principal Report: No Report

Elementary School Construction Committee:

- Update included in Foundation report

Activities Report:

- State Wrestling currently occurring
- State Dance and Cheer is this coming weekend
- Speech season successful so far, conference and district upcoming soon, State meet is in Kearney March 16

Counselor Report:

Completion of a 4-week ACT Prep tips and tricks course offering on February 9, 2023 over Lunch/ Study Hall.

All 10th grade students were administered the Gallup Strength Finders Assessment as part of the GI Future Builder's community project. Students will be selected and grouped into teams of students from other local school districts to participate in an entrepreneurial project that will kick off end of February with a two day participation with the Future Builders Challenge on March 17th and 20th at College Park in Grand Island.

Participated in a zoom meeting yesterday on changes coming for the 2024-2025 FAFSA. Many new components to be put in place and because of the changes—the FAFSA will not be ready for the Oct. 1st date—likely to be pushed back to November or December of 2023.

Registered 2- 9th graders to participate with CLEW—a HOBY training/activity conference for 9th graders to learn about leadership. It is free and will be held in Kearney on February 25th.

Scholarships are slowing down—Many of the local foundation scholarships were due by February 10th. Seniors were presented the GICC Foundation Scholarship information on Wednesday, February 15, 2023—deadline to submit applications is April 1, 2023

Graduation caps and gowns have arrived and are in the process of being distributed as students pay for them.

Financial:

- Tuition received at 71%
- Parishes current with contributions (greatly appreciated)
- Husker Harvest Days contribution will be \$32,000
- Snow removal less than in past year

Principal Report:

- Enrollment – 292
- Elementary Waitlist – 240 (gained 13 reservations)
- Support LB 753, contact State Senator Ray Aguilar to thank him for his support
- Elementary groundbreaking is March 9, 10:00 am (will be carried on Striv)
 - Construction begins March 10
- Survey result discussions will begin with staff soon
 - Main focus will be building cleanliness and lunch program
- 75% attendance at parent teacher conference (fall participation is typically higher, spring is lower)
- Info Night (Feb. 28th) – 43 RSVPs
- Graduation is May 14, 2:00 pm

- Summer policy work – need to get by-laws adjusted to include elementary school language before June (preferably)

Foundation Report:

- Elementary School campaign update - \$8,050,850
 - Public phase of fundraising started (individuals and businesses)
 - Upcoming events for Parish Coffee and Rolls
 - Blessed Sacrament – Feb. 19
 - St. Leo's – Feb. 26
 - St. Mary's – March 5
 - Resurrection – March 12
 - March 9 – tentative elementary school groundbreaking
 - Chief submitted final bid package Feb. 3rd and subcontractors were selected. Pricing came slightly under \$8 million, financing options being explored
- May 4, 2023 – Go Big Give
- The Knight will be November 17, 2023
 - The theme is, Knight at the Disco!
 - Boulder Flatts will be the location in 2023
- Initial meetings for GICC golf tournament
- Possible changes to Foundation website and logo via the Steier Group

New Business

- Policy proposal for new at-large members
 - Individuals interested in one of the three at-large positions may nominate themselves and contact the principal via letter or email. The nominee will receive paperwork to fill out and the application (demographics and narratives explaining nominee's willingness to serve) will be reviewed by the school board in executive session. The school board will vote on a nominee from all submissions gathered within the deadlines provided (Jan. 1 – Feb. 28, interest to serve by individual submitted to principal; Jan. 1 – March 31 – nominee will complete required paperwork to principal; April – school board will review all nominations (in executive session) and vote for the new at-large member (after executive session exited) – if a tie occurs, school board will continue to discuss and vote until tie is broken. After April vote is taken, nominee (with acceptance to serve) will begin school board term in June of same year
 - Motion by Father Marty Egging, second by Rob Czaplewski
- 2023-2024 Budget proposal by budget committee
 - 5% tuition increase
 - parish subsidy set at a percentage of previous three years church contribution level
 - will create a policy for past year tuition collection requirement for enrolling for next year (can't enroll until last year's tuition is complete)
 - Husker Harvest will continue in 2023 (last year of current contract), renewing contract requires a 3-year commitment
 - Karnival Kapers will continue year-to-year, this year will be March 19
 - Increase in benefits and insurance costs
 - Motion by Father Marty Egging, second by Rob Czaplewski
 - Motion by Dustin Suminski, second by Jackie Gellatly

Next Board Meeting: March 23, 2023 (changed from March 16 due to scheduling conflict)

Executive Session: none

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Closing prayer by Jordan Engle. Motion by Rob Czaplewski, second by Jim Rein to adjourn the meeting. Motioned carried.

Respectfully submitting, (Unofficial minutes)
Rob Czaplewski, secretary

Board of Education

Jim Rein, President (At Large Representative - term ending June 2024, ABC Rep.)
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg, Vice President (St. Mary's Representative - term ending June 2024)
Rob Czaplewski, Secretary (Blessed Sacrament Representative - term ending June 2024)
Rina Huntwork, (Resurrection Representative - term ending June 2023)
Chris McCarraher (At Large Representative - term ending June 2023, Fine Arts Rep.)
Dustin Suminski (At Large Representative - term ending June 2025)
Jaqueline Gellatly (St. Leo's Representative – term ending June 2025)
Rev. Donald Buhrman, Pastor St. Leo Church
Rev. Martin Egging, Pastor Blessed Sacrament Church
Rev. Jorge Canela, Pastor Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rev. Vijumon Thomas Choorackal, Pastor Church of the Resurrection
Christi Rein – Foundation representative (president)

Administration

Jordan Engle, Principal
Phou Manivong, Vice Principal
Mike Rohweder, Business Manager
Dick Ross, Activities Director
Dr. Julie Henke, Guidance Counselor

Standing Committees

Budget and Finance Committee

Mike Rohweder
Fr. Don Buhrman
Ron Golka
Jordan Engle
Jackie Gellatly
Jim Rein

Curriculum and Academics Committee

Jordan Engle
Dr. Julie Hehnke
Fr. Marty Egging
Rina Huntwork
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg
Jackie Gellatly

Facilities Committee

Mike Rohweder
Ron Golka
Jim Rein
Rob Czaplewski
Dustin Suminski

Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Fr. Jorge Canela
Janelle Armstrong
Chris McCarraher
Jordan Engle
Dustin Suminski

Policy Review Committee

Phou Manivong
Ron Golka
Rina Huntwork
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg

Fine Arts Rep.

Chris McCarraher

ABC Club Rep.

Jackie Gellatly

Foundation Rep.

Father Don Burhman