

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education

January 19, 2023

GICC Library 6:00 pm

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

Jeannee Mueller Fossberg called meeting to order. Jordan Engel led opening prayer.

Attendance:

Board members present: Rob Czaplewski, Rina Huntwork, Dustin Suminski, Chris McCarraher, Jeannee Mueller Fossberg, also present: Jolene Wojcik, Christi Rein, Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Dick Ross

Absent: Jim Rein, Jackie Gellatly, Dr. Julie Henke, Fr. Thomas Vijumon, Fr. Marty Egging, Fr. Don Buhrman, Fr. Jorge Canela, Mike Rohweder

Approval of Agenda:

Rina Huntwork moved to approve the agenda; second by Fr. Marty Egging; agenda approved (approved during Feb. 16 meeting since no quorum for January 19 meeting)

Approval of Minutes:

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Audience Communication: FBLA students: Zach Corey, Noah Corey, Catalina Chavez, Hannah Huff, Emily Ye (observing school board meeting)

Old Business: None

Reports:

Marketing:

- Move Explore GICC to February 28 (from March 6th because of speech contest conflict)
 - Two Shadow Days in spring to split up students

Curriculum: No Report

Building Committee: No Report

Budget:

- Agreed on teacher pay scale
- Will set tuition rates for next year at next meeting

Policy: No Report

Fine Arts:

- Feb. 3 soup supper – chicken and chili, to-go meals available, \$7 per quart
- Feb. 10 speech meet at GICC

Booster Club:

- Sideline chairs arrived and being used
- Hall of Fame event will be Friday, Feb. 3 (7 inductees)

Administrators Reports:

Vice Principal Report: No Report

Elementary School Construction Committee:

- Met with Chief on Jan. 3, bids for concrete, walls, etc., bids coming in slightly less than budgeted
- Timeline still on schedule

Activities Report:

- GINW b-ball game rescheduled due to snowstorm
- GICC hosting conference wrestling
- Cheer and Dance preparing for State at Heartland Events Center – Feb. 17 and Feb. 18
- Speech team doing very well with two meets and 33 medalists

Counselor Report:

- No report

Financial:

- Revenue lower than last year due to later Knight support being in January and not earlier in the year but will come in as usual agreement)
- Tuition on pace for year
- Husker Harvest Days income was \$32,000
- Teaching expenses higher than normal, due to textbook and English book orders
- Heat and natural gas was almost double this year compared to last year, electricity, water and sewage is status quo from previous year
- Extra work/expenses for HVAC repair
- Insurance for property and work comp is increasing from previous years (typical for current insurance industry)

Principal Report:

- Enrollment: 292 (minus 5) (6 out, 1 in)
- Waiting list for grade school: 227
- Hired full-time para and full-time custodian
- Scholarship tax-credit bill brought forward by Governor Pille and has broader support with State Senators – contact Grand Island’s State Senator Ray Aguilar to thank him for his continued support
- March 9 – tentative elementary school groundbreaking
- Full week of activities planned for Catholic Schools Week including school Mass with Bishop Hanefeldt

Foundation Report:

- Elementary School Update
 - \$7.9 million raised (\$11 million goal)
 - Total pledged 238 of 428 asked
 - Public phase of fundraising will begin Jan. 30 with announcements at all parishes in Grand Island, in-person business pledge request will begin that week, materials will be mailed to parishioners, school families and general supporters, social media promotion/vidoes will occur throughout the spring
 - The Knight was the most successful in the history of the event – slightly over \$500,000 (net)
 - January 29-February 4, 2023 – Catholic Schools Week
 - March 9 – tentative elementary school groundbreaking
 - May 4, 2023 – Go Big Give
 - November 17, 2023 – The Knight

New Business

- Revised proposal from Bishop’s recommendation for at-large positions for future school board members shared – Jordan will review with parish priests prior to February school board meeting, discussion and approval will be taken at February school board meeting
- Request for no school on March 13 due to hosting conference music competition (300 participants expected)
- Cafeteria floor asbestos abated over Christmas break, hoping to have cafeteria remodel start as soon as school is out in May

Future Meeting

- Principal evaluation being sent out soon
- Voting on this meeting's agenda, minutes and at-large board member approval

Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2023

Executive Session: none

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Closing prayer by Rina Huntwork

Respectfully submitting, (official 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