

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education

January 18, 2024

GICC Library 6:01 pm

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

Jeanne Mueller Fossberg called meeting to order. Fr. Don Buhrman led opening prayer.

Attendance:

Board members present: Jeanne Mueller Fossberg, Jim Rein, Kay Niebuhr, Dustin Suminski, Rob Czapski, Fr. Don Buhrman also present: Jordan Engle, Phou Manivong, Dr. Julie Henke, Amy May, Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt

Absent: Jackie Gellatly, Matt Serbousek, Fr. Marty Egging, Fr. Jorge Canela, Bill Gavers, Jolene Wojcik, Jeff Palik, Fr. Thomas Vijumon

Approval of Agenda:

Jim Rein moved to approve the agenda; second by Fr. Don Buhrman, agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Dustin Suminski moved to approve the minutes; second by Jim Rein, minutes approved.

Audience Communication: Jordan read a thank you letter from Janelle Armstrong

Old Business: None

Reports:

Budget: No Report

Curriculum:

- Curriculum for elementary school approved

Building Committee:

- Walk through of locker rooms, reviewing for Knight Fund an Item

Marketing:

- Planning for Explore GICC Night Feb. 1, looking for volunteers
- 46 RSVPs for Explore Night
- Long-term planning including marketing options for elementary school

Policy:

- May need to review by-laws because of adding elementary school

Fine Arts:

- Soup supper Jan. 20
- Hosting two speech meets, Feb. 9 and March 12

Booster Club: No Report

Administrators Reports:

Vice Principal Report:

- Rule 10 Accreditation – occurring this semester
- Chromebook concerns by staff about inappropriate use by students (in general and at GICC), will keep Chromebooks at school

Counselor Report:

- Career Exploration Fair was at GICC on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 from 9:30-11:00 am. 9th and 10th graders visited during 4th and 5th periods, 11th and 12th graders visited businesses and organizational representatives during 6th and 7th periods. The day was a noon dismissal for students. Students participated in the Nebraska Career Connections -Career Assessment and used their Career Cluster results to help them determine the businesses and organizations to explore.
- ACT will be given to Juniors who select to take the ACT test here at GICC on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. Currently there are about 15 Juniors signed up and the deadline to register is Thursday, January 25, 2024.
- All CCC courses started on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 this week—some problems with students who got a new phone—but we are getting issues resolved and majority of students are doing well with their new courses.
- Academiz Quiz Teams for Middle School and High School have been selected- 7 members on each team—they are meeting to practice for their first competitions in March.

Activity Report:

- Attendance and concession increased from previous year (post-Covid)

Elementary School Construction Committee: No Report**Financial:**

- Revenue: tuition and parish support coming in as expected, Husker Harvest Days profit was \$28,000
- Expenses: transportation cost review to continue to make it economical for variety of trips for activity and athletic events (Covid assistance funds have expired), substitute teacher budget under expectations, expecting heating bill to increase due to low temperatures

Principal Report:

- Middle/high school enrollment: 301 (even)
- Elementary enrollment – 124 (does not include pre-school)
- Superintendent professional endorsement completed
- Elementary school construction still ahead of schedule
- Furniture purchase process for elementary school has been challenging (mainly vendor issues)
- Cafeteria floor will get replaced this summer with tile due to failure of rubber flooring (vendor responsibility)
- Letters of Intent collected for 2024/2025
- Special education program will be created for elementary school
- Father Sid will be part-time school chaplain

Foundation Report:

- Elementary school fundraising continues to go well, 3 grants applied for
- 2023 Knight at the Disco highest earning Knight ever
- Next year's Knight will be at Riverside Country Club
- 2024 Knight co-chairs: Jackie and Sean Gellatly and Karla and Steve Schneider
- Receiving calls about the Opportunity Scholarship Program tax credit

Upcoming events:

- Jan. 28-Feb. 3 – Catholic Schools Week
- May 2 – Go Big Give
- Nov. 22 – The Knight (Riverside Country Club)

New Business:

- Approval for increasing teacher base pay to \$34,750
 - Motion by Jim Rein, second by Kay Niebuhr. Motion carried.
- Approval for elementary school tuition at \$4,400, and increase middle/high school tuition by 4%
 - Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Jim Rein. Motion carried.
- Approval for contract approval
 - Motion by Jim Rein, second by Dustin Suminski. Motion carried.
 - Jill Vaquez, Sarah Ruzicka, Hannah Pomajzl, Morgan Orr, Caitlin Stump, Jenna Engle, Krysta Huse, Carina Krolikowski, Elli Steenson, Brittany Schroder, Kendra Harders, Kevin Jenkins
- Approval for resignations of John and Cathy Howard
 - Motion by Dustin Suminski, second by Kay Niebuhr. Motion carried.
- Teacher moves:
 - Jeff Ashby to elementary PE
 - Dee Hanssen to elementary library
 - Willie Fair to high school PE
 - Brady Brokaw to high school history
 - Toni Birch to shared music
 - Tyler Koepf to shared music
 - John Howard will retire
 - Cathy Howard will retire
- Current staffing needs:
 - Spanish, English, 2 more elementary classroom teachers, paraprofessionals, kitchen staff, custodial staff
- Approval for gym curtain (vendor Porter Trustin Carlson) to divide south gym into two usable spaces (classes, practices, etc.) - \$24,000
 - Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Jim Rein. Motion carried.
- Approval for calendar modifications: no school on March 12 (district speech); noon dismissal March 26 (GICC track meet)
 - Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Jim Rein. Motion carried.

Future Meeting:

- Karnival Kapers
- Principal evaluation

Next Board Meeting: February 15, 2024

Executive Session: None

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Closing prayer by Bishop Joseph Hanefeldt. Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Jim Rein to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, (official minutes)

Submitted by Rob Czaplewski, secretary

Board of Education

Jeanne Mueller-Fossberg, President (St. Mary's Representative - term ending June 2024)
Jim Rein, Vice President (At Large Representative - term ending June 2024)
Rob Czaplewski, Secretary (Blessed Sacrament Representative - term ending June 2024)
Kay Niebuhr (At-Large Representative - term ending June 2026)
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Dustin Suminski (At Large Representative - term ending June 2025)
Jaqueline Gellatly (St. Leo's Representative – term ending June 2025, ABC Rep.)
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
Jeff Palik – Foundation representative (president)

Administration

Jordan Engle, Principal
Phou Manivong, Vice Principal
Mike Rohweder, Business Manager
Bill Gavers, 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
Matt Serbousek

Curriculum and Academics Committee

Jordan Engle
Dr. Julie Hehnke
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Jeanne Mueller-Fossberg
Jackie Gellatly
Fr. Thomas Vijumon
Matt Serbousek
Kay Niebuhr

Facilities Committee

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Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

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Policy Review Committee

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Ron Golka
Jeanne Mueller-Fossberg
Kay Niebuhr
Rina Huntwork

Fine Arts Rep.

Dustin Suminski

ABC Club Rep.

Jackie Gellatly

Foundation Rep.

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