

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education

October 24, 2023

GICC Library 5:31 pm

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

Jeanne Mueller Fossberg called meeting to order. Father Thomas Vijumon led opening prayer.

Attendance:

Board members present: Jeanne Mueller Fossberg, Jim Rein, Matt Serbousek, Dustin Suminski, Kay Niebuhr, Rob Czaplewski, Jackie Gellatly, Fr. Thomas Vijumon, Fr. Don Buhrman also present: Jordan Engle, Dr. Julie Henke, Phou Manivong

Absent: Fr. Mart Egging, Fr. Jorge Canela, Bill Gavers, Jolene Wojcik, Christi Rein

Approval of Agenda:

Dustin Suminski moved to approve the agenda; second by Father Thomas Vijumon, agenda approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Jim Rein moved to approve the minutes; second by Matt Serbousek, minutes approved.

Audience Communication: None

Old Business: None

Reports:

Budget: No Report

Curriculum: No Report

Building Committee: No Report

Marketing:

- Next meeting October 25, discussion about Planning Explore GICC night and how marketing changes with elementary school

Policy:

- School board policy changes involved late tuition policy change

Fine Arts:

- End of the year banquet
- Excellent fall student participation

Booster Club:

- Will not have year-end banquet, may allow per sport/coach recognition awards
- Steak Feed - \$17,000 net
- Golf tournament - \$24,550 net
- Old gym project – changing main regulation backboards and side backboards – discussing funding possibilities (including cashing in a Booster Club investment fund) – still need \$10,000 more (with two more quotes forthcoming)

Administrators Reports:

Vice Principal Report: No Report

Counselor Report:

- 38 10th and 11th graders took the PSAT test on October 18, 2023
- 4 GICC Sr. Students attended the Senior Multicultural Day on Friday, October 20, 2023 at UNK—they received great information on college majors, financial aid, scholarship opportunities, college life
- Tomorrow-Wednesday, October 25, 2023—I am attending a FAFSA meeting in Kearney to gain information on filing the new, revised FAFSA. Students and parents will be provided information and instructions as soon as the FAFSA is released—forecast is end of December/January
- GICC graduating Seniors from the class of 2023 who are in the KHOP program presented information to current GICC Seniors who are interested in KHOP program at UNK. They offered tips and advice on applying, interviewing, and writing essays for the KHOP application process.
- CCC registrations for 2nd semester will be held on Tuesday, November 7th for any 10th -12th grader who wants to take a CCC college course during the 2023-2024 second semester.
- Looking ahead—Work in November to present HOBY application information to 10th graders. All 9th-12th graders will take the NE Career Connections survey to use at the Career Fair that GICC is working to host in January 2024. Dr. Hehnke will be in classrooms before the end of the semester directing students to take this career assessment.

Activity Report: No Report

Elementary School Construction Committee:

- No Report

Financial:

- Revenue: new online payments working well
- Expenses: nothing unexpected

Principal Report:

- 301 (even)
- Elementary Waitlist: 316 (including preschool)
- Elementary school construction still ahead of schedule – will be working on parking lot soon, brick work about 30% done, windows complete, drywall and sprinkler system complete
- Agreed on a math curriculum for elementary school (other subjects coming soon)
- Cafeteria floor update: floor will be completely replaced (warranty will be determined by contractor and manufacturer), different type of floor will be installed
- MAPS testing update: students doing well, final numbers will be posted in near future

Foundation Report:

- Knight catalog will be printed at end of October (after review of draft)
- Letter sent to parents in hopes to increase ticket sales for raffle and volunteers
- Volunteers are needed for the Knight (adults and students)
- Raffle ticket sales slower than past three years
- Grant applications in progress regarding elementary school
- Shovel Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act grant application denied on a technicality as the Foundation applied for the grant, however the school owns the property, so the application was kicked out. We were not informed that ownership was a requirement.
- The Knight Fund an Item: Middle School Locker Rooms

- Tom and Kim Dinsdale generously donated \$40,000 toward the purchase of a vehicle for The Knight
- Co-Chairs for the Knight are needed for next year.
- All school board members are asked to donate two bottles of nice wine for the Knight.
- Knight Preview – Thursday, November 16 (at GICC Schuman gym)
- Knight at the Disco – Friday, November 17 (Boulder Flatts)

New Business:

- Approval of Calendar for 2024/2025
 - Adjustments to August and November as discussed
 - Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Jackie Gellatly. Motion carried.

Future Meeting:

- Old gym project

Next Board Meeting: November 16, 2023

Executive Session: No session

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

Respectfully submitting, (Official minutes)

Submitted by Rob Czaplewski, secretary

Board of Education

Jim Rein, President (At Large Representative - term ending June 2024)
 Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg, Vice President (St. Mary's Representative - term ending June 2024)
 Rob Czaplewski, Secretary (Blessed Sacrament Representative - term ending June 2024)
 Kay Niebuhr (At-Large Representative - term ending June 2026)
 Matt Serbousek (Resurrection Representative – term ending June 2026)
 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
 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
Matt Serbousek

Curriculum and Academics Committee

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

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Rob Czapski
Dustin Suminski

Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Fr. Jorge Canela
Janelle Armstrong
Jordan Engle

Policy Review Committee

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Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg
Kay Niebuhr
Rina Huntwork

Fine Arts Rep.

Dustin Suminski

ABC Club Rep.

Jackie Gellatly

Foundation Rep.

Father Don Buhrman