

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education
September 28, 2023
GICC Library 6:01 pm

Call to Order and Opening Prayer:

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

Attendance:

Board members present: Jeannee Mueller Fossberg, Jim Rein, Matt Serbousek, Dustin Suminski, Kay Niebuhr, Fr. Thomas Vijumon also present: Jordan Engle, Dr. Julie Henke, Christi Rein

Absent: Rob Czaplewski, Jackie Gellatly, Fr. Don Buhrman, Fr. Mart Egging, Fr. Jorge Canela, Bill Gavers, Jolene Wojcik, Phou Manivong

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Audience Communication: None

Old Business: None

Reports:

Budget:

- August was a big month for tuition coming in, actual collected is now 33.3%.
- Go Big Give Tuition Assistance and Rental money is now in as well, \$7348.
- E-funds are now live and being used significantly. Estimation of 5 transactions per day.
- Husker Harvest Days was a great success, gross around \$70,000 (increase over last year). Net dollars have yet to be determined.

Curriculum: No Report

Building Committee:

- This year's Fund and Item at the Knight will be the Middle School Locker Rooms remodel. Financials and extent of the remodel will be determined after the Knight.
- The roof repair above the stage has started and will cost approximately \$45,000.

Marketing:

- Planning Explore GICC night is underway and will take place 2/1/2024.

Policy: No Report

Fine Arts:

- Concessions are going well. Price increases/adjustments have been made to reflect increases in cost of goods. Numbers are comparable to other Grand Island school concession prices now.

Booster Club: No Report

Administrators Reports:

Vice Principal Report:

- No Report

Counselor Report:

All 6th graders were given a VARK survey to help them determine their learning style strengths to help them adjust how to self-learn in the classroom and how to study more effectively at home.

12th graders have completed their Resumes and are in the process of writing personal narratives to be used for college applications and scholarships. Seniors have been encouraged to apply to colleges/universities for the past three weeks, as currently, the application fee is waived through November 1, 2023.

All students interested in applying to the RHOP and KHOP programs have been met with, and the four specific application processes explained so students could begin the process.

28 10th and 11th-grade students have signed up to take the PSAT test in mid-October. The test is digital this year, and we are working with Brandon Floodman to ensure that our students will be able to efficiently take the test on their Chromebooks.

All parents of students in grades 9-12th grade will receive an invitation via email to complete a survey about their views on postsecondary pathways. I have completed the survey, and it took about 12 minutes to complete. Every person who completes a survey will receive a \$10 reward gift card.

GICC 11th and 12th graders will be the only students who receive an invitation to complete a survey on their views about pathways after graduation
11th and 12th-grade students will be taking the survey next week and will also be eligible to receive a \$10 reward gift card.

All Juniors completed the ASVAB on August 30th and received information regarding their Hollard career interest strengths finder, which is helpful to students when exploring possible future career interests.

I attended a meeting today in Hastings at CCC for the yearly counselors' informational meeting and received information on the new Apprenticeship Programs being formed in the state for graduating seniors who enter technical programs. Students will have an opportunity to work and

earn wages and benefits while gaining experience and having their education paid for by their employees. Information on this opportunity and the Walter Scott scholarship program at Hastings CCC- tuition, room, and board, and fees are awarded to students in technical programs of studies, will be shared with seniors and juniors at GICC.

Activity Report:

- No report

Elementary School Construction Committee:

- No Report

Financial:

- Supplies expenses are better than usual.
- Summer utilities were lower this year.
- No surprises on the balance sheet thus far
- Next month's numbers will look different as actual enrollment and tuition numbers will be accounted for vs the projected numbers so far.

Principal Report:

- 301 (-1); student transferred to GISH
- Elementary Waitlist: 305; several preschoolers (~80 kids)
- Exterior construction on the elementary has begun which includes brick laying and window installation. Interiorly they are now hanging sheetrock. All construction is ahead of schedule so far.
- Purchase timelines for the elementary school are looking good. Received bids for classroom furniture which is less than expected. Eakes bid of approximately \$7000 per room with good warranties. Next step is to see the furniture/desks in person before approval and purchasing.
- Elementary Curriculum Update: the committee will be soon to approve all decisions that are staff related. Samples have been ordered and look very promising so far.
- All GICC staff are fully certified with the Jackie Bigley hire for a part time English teacher.
- Recruiting update: Application for elementary school enrollment will likely open in October. An administrative assistant will be brought on board soon.
- Dr. Engle will be on vacation October 12th-18th.

Foundation Report:

- Donations/pledges are still coming in.
- Regular meetings continue with Chief Construction. The floor in the cafeteria is damaged and we are working with Chief and CMBA regarding the warranty and possible replacement of the floor.
- Volunteers are needed for the Knight.
- 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 this year.
- Knight Preview – Thursday, November 16 (at GICC Schuman gym)
- Knight at the Disco – Friday, November 17 (Boulder Flatts)

New Business:

- Gutter Repair Bid: Gutters on the south side of the school have ice damage. Obermiller provided a bid of \$6000 for repair. Funds from the 2018 capital campaign will be used to cover costs.
 - Motion by Dustin Suminski, second by Fr. Vijumon. Motion carried.
- Husker Harvest Day Contract Considerations: It is time to re-up GICC’s contract with Husker Harvest Days (HHD) for the food stand. HHD has been very profitable for the school in recent years and a positive experience for students and staff.
 - Motion by Jim Rein, second by Matt Serbousek. Motion carried.

Future Meeting:

- none

Next Board Meeting: October 24, 2023

Executive Session: No session

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

Respectfully submitting, (Official minutes)

Compiled by Dustin Suminski (in absence of secretary)

Submitted by Rob Czaplewski, secretary

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Rev. Vijumon Thomas Choorackal, Pastor Church of the Resurrection

Christi Rein – Foundation representative (president)

Administration

Jordan Engle, Principal
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Standing Committees

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