

Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education

April 18, 2024

GICC Library 6:00 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, Rob Czaplewski, Matt Serbousek, Dustin Suminski, Jackie Gellatly, Fr. Don Buhrman, also present: Jordan Engle, Dr. Julie Henke

Absent: Jolene Wojcik, Jeff Palik, Fr. Thomas Vijumon, Fr. Jorge Canela, Bill Gavers, Phou Manivong

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Dustin Suminski moved to approve the minutes; second by Kay Niebuhr, minutes approved.

Audience Communication: none

Old Business: None

Reports:

Budget: No Report

Curriculum: No Report

Building Committee: No Report

Marketing:

- Ongoing discussion of committee with addition of elementary school and marketing challenges with recruiting K-5 in addition to middle and high school

Policy: No Report

Fine Arts:

- Getting ready for banquet – April 28
- Looking for new president for Fine Arts

Booster Club:

- Two new shot clocks in old gym - \$4,600
- Hall of Fame reception will be at Balz Banquet Hall (nominee deadline upcoming)
- Replace old video standing platform with remote Hudl camera
- Clean up of track completed

Administrators Reports

Vice Principal Report:

- FBLA had 5 qualifies for nationals
- Phou Manivong has agreed to a new 3-year contract as vice-principal

Counselor Report:

- 42 Sophomores completed the Pre-ACT test on Wednesday, April 17, 2024
- Results should be back in 2-3 weeks. Results will be discussed and reviewed with all 10th graders.
- Graduation caps, gowns, honor pins, and CCC dual credit cords have been distributed to all Srs. for graduation.
- The Honor Board for students earning Summa Cum Laude 4.1+ GPA, Magna Cum Laude 4.01-4.09 GPA, and Cum Laude 3.9-4.00 GPA has been updated and now shows 2024 Graduates and their Honors (Hanging outside GICC Counseling Office)
- I am working on collecting all scholarship award listings from students to begin work on the Graduation Program and for High School Area School Listing for GI Independent--published mid-May.
- Registration for Summer CCC courses and Fall 2024 courses has been completed.
- 29 GICC students who will be Juniors and Seniors in 2024-2025 are enrolled in 35 courses for the Summer term at CCC
- 49 GICC Students who will be Juniors and Seniors in 2024-2025 are enrolled in 75 courses for the Fall term at CCC
- 8 Middle School GICC students will be traveling to Seward on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 to compete at a Middle School Quiz Competition. GICC will have 2 teams of 4 students per team competing in Round Robin competition in the morning and single elimination competition in the afternoon.

Activity Report:

- Speech team finished 4th at State
- Could track and golf meets were rescheduled due to weather

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

- Revenue: everything on schedule including contributions from the four parishes
- Expenses: variety of weight room equipment replaced by selling existing equipment (for a profit), insurance rates have increased, technology expenses have increased after Covid funding ended

Principal Report:

- Middle/high school enrollment: 301 (no change)
- Next year's elementary total enrollment (PK-5th) – 197
- Next year's middle/high school new student enrollment (6th-12th) at 65 (+19, 50 in 6th grade)
- Construction finishing up with punch list set for late April/early May
- Rule 10 accreditation for elementary school is complete
- Curriculum resources have started to arrive for elementary school
- Certified staffing is complete in both buildings, but may need another 5th grade teacher if enrollment continues to grow
- Classified staffing (paras, custodians, kitchen) is underway

Foundation Report:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for elementary school is scheduled for August 12 with reception and tours
- Fundraising for elementary school continues to help cover costs for playground equipment, curriculum, landscaping and start-up costs
- Continuing to apply for various grants for elementary school projects

- Go Big Give (May 2nd) goal is \$75,000 – used toward Chromebooks, curriculum improvements and tuition assistance
- 2024 Knight (Nov. 22nd) theme – Starry Knight at Riverside Golf Club, chairs are Jackie and Sean Gellatly and Karla and Steve Schneider

New Business:

- Approval of Policy of Student Records (accreditation requirement)
 - Motion by Jim Rein, second by Fr. Don Buhrman. Motion carried.
- Resolution on adoption of Nebraska State Standards (accreditation requirement of State standards for academic guidelines)
 - Motion by Kay Niebuhr, second by Jackie Gellatly. Motion carried.
- Approval of renewal of Coop Agreement for Softball
 - Motion by Jackie Gellatly, second by Dustin Suminski. Motion carried.
- Discussion of School Calendar for May 2024 - end a week early (May 17 at noon) due to other conflicts with summer classes and driver's ed classes
 - Motion by Dustin Suminski, second by Kay Niebuhr. Motion carried.
- Approval of installing new PA System for middle/high school by Platte Valley Communication
 - Motion by Fr. Don Buhrman, second by Matt Serbousek. Motion carried.
- Board Retreat – May 16th
- Approval of new at-large board member
 - Motion by Dustin Suminski, second by Jackie Gellatly. Motion carried.

Items for Future Meeting:

- St. Mary's parish board member
- Review 2024/2025 school calendar

Next Board Meeting: May 16, 2024

Executive Session:

- In session at 7:17 pm, out of session 7:43 pm

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Closing prayer by Jordan Engle. 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

Jeannee 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)

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
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

Policy Review Committee

Phou Manivong
Ron Golka
Jeannee Mueller-Fossberg
Kay Niebuhr
Rina Huntwork

Curriculum and Academics Committee

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

Fine Arts Rep.

Dustin Suminski

ABC Club Rep.

Jackie Gellatly

Foundation Rep.

Father Don Buhrman

Facilities Committee

Mike Rohweder
Ron Golka
Jim Rein
Rob Czapslewski
Dustin Suminski

Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee

Fr. Jorge Canela
Janelle Armstrong
Jordan Engle