

**Grand Island Central Catholic Middle and High School Board of Education**

**May 16, 2024**

**GICC Library 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order and Opening Prayer:**

Jeanne Mueller Fossberg called meeting to order. Fr. Jorge Canela led opening prayer.

**Attendance:**

Board members present: Jeanne Mueller Fossberg, Jim Rein, Kay Niebuhr, Rob Czaplewski, Jackie Gellatly, Fr. Don Buhrman, Fr. Thomas Vijumon, Father Robin Bashir, Fr. Jorge Canela, also present: Jordan Engle, Jolene Wojcik, Dr. Julie Henke

Absent: Matt Serbousek, Dustin Suminski, Jeff Palik, Bill Gavers, Phou Manivong

**Approval of Agenda:**

Fr. Jorge Canela moved to approve the agenda; second by Jim Rein agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Audience Communication:** none

**Old Business:** None

**Reports:**

**Budget:** No Report

**Curriculum:** No Report

**Building Committee:** No Report

**Marketing:**

- Developing a plan to include elementary school in overall marketing promotions

**Policy:** No Report

**Fine Arts:**

- Banquet had good turnout – would like to see more students attend
- New president is Hannah Vance

**Booster Club:**

- Hall of Fame – Sept. 20 (Homecoming football game)
- Golf tournament Friday, August 16
- Steak Feed Saturday, August 17

**Administrators Reports**

**Vice Principal Report:**

- Improvement team continuing to meet this summer
- New FBLA leadership team selected for next fall

### **Counselor Report:**

- 41 Seniors graduated
- 2024 graduating class earned \$4.1 million in scholarships
- 93% of graduating Seniors had a GPA of 3.0+
- 95% of graduating Seniors plan to attend college
- There were 2 RHOP and 1 KHOP alternates
- 10 Nebraska Board of Regents Scholarships earned
- Juniors were given a summer homework assignment to complete Senior Profile and write their Personal Narrative for use as a Senior with scholarship and college admissions next year.
- Sophomores were provided Pre-ACT test results and data was discussed and compared to potential ACT scores and merit scholarship opportunities and other scholarship opportunities.
- Cutler Obermiller Snyder and Reagan Reilly earned cash for their work with the GI Future Builders project. 5 GICC 10th graders spent 2 days involved with Future Builders project working in groups to devise services and businesses for the GI community. They presented proposals before a committee which then advanced 6 groups to the final round where students presented proposals to GI Mayor and Grow GI Board members. Cutler's group was awarded 3rd place and Reagan's group earned 2nd place.
- Working on cleaning up Historical grades and getting ready to compile Sr. transcripts and send via Parchment service to colleges next week.

### **Activity Report:**

- boys golf qualified for State
- girls tennis team qualified for State
- several students competing at State Track

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

### **Financial:**

- Revenue: tuition payments and parish support coming in on time
- Expenses: nothing unexpected, snow removal actual cost lower than budgeted, Chromebooks and desktops higher cost than in past years

### **Principal Report:**

- Middle/high school enrollment: 301 (no change)
- Next year's elementary total enrollment (PK-5<sup>th</sup>): 204
- Next year's middle/high school new student enrollment (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): 324 (+23)
- LB 1402 work on keeping it
- Summer plans
  - Policy revisions
  - Elementary onboarding
  - Continue curriculum development
  - Continued interior building tidy-up
  - Gym fascia fix and removal of Ruby Street signage
- Classified staff hiring underway
- Construction nearly complete on elementary school
- Plans nearly complete for middle school locker rooms (girls and boys)
- Kitchen work began today

## **Foundation Report:**

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for elementary school is August 12 with reception and tours, Open House planned for the following month
- Go Big Give – placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 156 non-profits (\$93,913 – matching funds may add \$4,000 – goal was \$75,000), last year was \$104,116 total donations
- 2024 Knight (Nov. 15 – new date) theme – Starry Knight at Riverside Golf Club, chairs are Jackie and Sean Gellatly and Karla and Steve Schneider

## **New Business:**

- School Survey Results
  - High marks for recommendation, quality, and value
  - Areas of concern:
    - Student respect
    - Building cleanliness
    - Lunch options (vegetables/fruit) – survey did show improvement from previous years
    - Core area instruction
  - Plan of action:
    - Teacher focus group
    - Policy revisions (handbook)
    - Development of curricular areas as needed
    - Parent orientation and student orientation
- School board retreat (after school board meeting)
  - June 27, 5:30 pm

## **Items for Future Meeting:**

- Handbook revisions

**Next Board Meeting:** June 27, 2024

**Executive Session:** None

**Closing Prayer and Adjournment:** Closing prayer by Fr. Don Buhrman. Motion by Jackie Gellatly second by Kay Niebuhr 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)

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

#### **Curriculum and Academics Committee**

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

#### **Facilities Committee**

Mike Rohweder  
Ron Golka  
Jim Rein  
Rob Czaplewski  
Dustin Suminski

### **Marketing Public Relations and Recruitment Committee**

Fr. Jorge Canela  
Janelle Armstrong  
Jordan Engle

#### **Policy Review Committee**

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

#### **Fine Arts Rep.**

Dustin Suminski

#### **ABC Club Rep.**

Jackie Gellatly

#### **Foundation Rep.**

Father Don Buhrman