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## **GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 27, 2021 – Virtual Meeting, 6:00pm

Type of meeting: General Board meeting with Directors and President, open to public.  
Facilitator: Julie Franzen (Chair). Board Members: Steve Pope (Vice Chair), Dan Vander Pol (Treasurer), Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary). School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, Dave Rehnberg, David Glass, Don Garnand, Vicki Shultz, Nadine Fujimoto, Al Stever, Lisa Templeton.  
Absent: Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

### **Minutes Approval:**

Approval of March 2021 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Dan Vander Pol; Seconded: Steve Pope. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other actions or approvals were conducted.

### **President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:**

LPPC – Carol Meeuwse reported that they are currently planning for in-person Junior Kindergarten promotion with limited attendance; a ~\$6,000 childcare grant is expected in June; difficulty in finding and keeping qualified staff, with a need to fill a teaching assistant position.

MVPC – David Glass reported that MVPC's playground was almost ready for use, just need more rubber pellets to fill in the ground area.

MVE – David reported that the April 14<sup>th</sup> Blue Origin rocket had some postcards from MVE on-board; Fun Run to be held toward the end of May, and an assembly will be held with a visit from a hydroplane pilot; 85 kids are enrolled for next year, which is a very strong number.

KVE – Don Garnand is exploring Summer Learning opportunities (photography, book making, kite making, etc.); he has hired a new Kindergarten teacher to replace Mrs. Fail and will likely hire a second Kindergarten teacher because there will be enough kids for two classes; 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be held in-person, either indoor or outdoor; Fun Run late April, hoping to use funds to purchase AED for the campus; really wants a Band/Orchestra teacher for next year; enrollment looking strong for next year; 2700 lbs. of clothing/linen donated to Value Village.

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RCMS – Fun Run to be held late April; in-person promotion to be held at Grace Community with a fall-back plan of using the KVE gym; basketball back in action, including hosting a game at the KVE gym; Don gave kudos to Kevin Reid for his tremendous help and impact at RCMS; meeting weekly with Dave Rehnberg regarding the RCMS transition to Black Diamond Camps.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg reported that Graduation Day will be held at Grace Community Church, with the senior trip planned for Idaho; Prom will be Covid restricted, more of a formal game night (no dancing); need to fill many teacher positions due to teacher retirements and resignations.

*Julie Franzen asked how many staff members have been vaccinated. All principals reported various levels of vaccination among their own staff; Bruce Kelly has articulated his preference that all RCS staff get vaccinated.*

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 398 (350 in August, 367 in September). Next year's enrollment currently at 386, which is an encouraging number at this stage of enrollment.

Athletics – RCMS boys basketball and RCMS girls softball seasons almost completed; RCMS girls basketball, RCMS girls, and boys basketball begin early May; need a new volleyball coach for next year.

Finances – March net income was and YTD net income is positive; cumulative Net Operating is slightly negative; Al Stever did some digging into our FACTS costs and was able eliminate 5 cost centers (leaving us with 3 cost centers), saving us ~\$140,000, and he's hoping to eliminate more cost centers in the future; still submitting additional information to the SBA regarding the PPP loan forgiveness, which Chase Bank has said is perfectly normal.

HR – Sigrid Jones was unavailable following the passing of her mother.

Tech – Michael Ahlen will be leaving RCS to take a job in the industry, so we will need a new IT director next year.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Bruce has met with the Kent School District to receive Federal Title 2 funds, and will explore Title 1 and 3A/4A funds in the future; this allows us to bring kids to RCS rather than send them out.
- 2) As the principals have reported, there is a need to fill many teacher positions next year.



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- 3) Bruce thanked the Board for its work in developing a counter proposal regarding renewing our lease with BDC; good response from BDC, including some positive statements regarding issues they've generally been opposed to in the past (like making the gym WIAA-acceptable).

**Open discussion time with attendees:**

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:15pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: May 25, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).