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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

April 28, 2020 – via Google Meet, 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), Mark Hargrove, Kent Bruce. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: David Glass, Don Garnand, Dave Rehnberg, Ron Lewis, Donna Venning, Tim Bryant, Phil Conrod, Al Stever, Michael Ahlen, Nadine Fujimoto, Garth Gill, Jason Fokkema, Weldo Melvin, Moby Daiber, Kevin Reid, Kevin McCready, Mike Fosmire, Cathy Ward, Traci Pahl, Cal Ainley, Melody Dipple, Duane Gilstad, Wendy Gilstad, Vicki Shultz, Sarah Odonkor, Suzie Martin, Melissa Rogers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm with an opening devotion and prayer by Rick Rosenkranz.

Minutes:

Approval of March 2020 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Rick Rosenkranz; Seconded: Mark Hargrove. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other actions or approvals were conducted.

President's Report, Bruce Kelly:

Bruce opened his report by sharing some of the history of RCS and how vital prayer was to the origins of the school. With that in mind (and given the current coronavirus situation), Bruce will begin hosting Wednesday evening prayer meetings via Zoom. Sessions will begin at 6:30pm, starting May 6th and running the 13th, 20th, 27th and June 3rd.

LPPC – Bruce reported that Carol Meeuwse and two other staff have tested positive for COVID-19. The facility will be closed for two weeks, reopening May 4th.

MVPC – David Glass shared his gratefulness for the preschool teachers who come in to watch over the kids. The Dipple family finished fencing the play structure area, which is now almost complete.

KVE – Don Garnand praised his staff as they continue to develop and adapt to online instruction/teaching. Great care is being taken to clean the school and check people's

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temperatures when they enter the campus; also using facial masks. He reported having additional Chromebooks if students needed them.

MVE – David reported that a staff member and her husband have tested positive for coronavirus, and that both seemed to be on the mend. His fourth grade teacher had to leave for Ohio to take care of an injured parent; fortunately, Natalie Carson agreed to “un-retire” to fill the void.

RCMS – Staff and teachers are striving to connect one-on-one with students at least once per week. Don is looking at options for how to do 8th grade promotions.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg reported that his staff has transitioned very well to online teaching, and said that many teachers took Easter break to adjust/tweak their approach having now had several weeks under their belt. He is exploring ways to highlight and honor the seniors, as well as exploring which student activities can be done virtually (such as Spirit Week).

RCS-wide – enrollment hit a fiscal year high of 401 on March 29th, but has since fallen to 359, almost all due to the fall off at the two pre-schools.

Cathy Ward spoke at this time, raising a concern that while the online transition has gone well at the high school, some of the instruction at the middle school level is hit-and-miss, especially regarding in-class “feedback” on student work (she feels there needs to be more than just a posting of work assignments). Don Garnand said he would look into how to help the teachers develop more of a pattern/schedule to their teaching that would allow for that.

Duane Gilstad then asked about the impact on senior activities, specifically the senior trip. Dave Rehnberg responded that the school is looking at what can be done during the “originally planned” dates, rather than putting them off until late summer. (He would like to keep Grad Day on the same day, also.) He and the senior advisors (Mr. Ainley, Mrs. Simpson) are looking at several options and will come forward with the new plan on May 6th. This includes “how to do we do the yearbooks this year.”

Wendy Gilstad asked about the process for getting stuff out of lockers, and Dave said there will be a clean-out day later in the school year, but someone can always come by the office to get help getting into a locker before then.



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Athletics – Tim Bryant is working on getting Spring sports refunds back to parents, but the 8to18 system crashed, slowing that process; he reported that refunds should be completed by the end of the week. Tim is revising the Athletic Handbook and also creating a Coach’s Manual that will describe coaching and fundraising expectations (using other schools’ manuals as a boilerplate). He is still in need of a volleyball coach for the fall. He also praised the boys’ basketball program, as Coach Marcus won Coach of the Year, Landen Bruce won League MVP and 1st Team All-state, and Ethan Thomas led the league in double-doubles.

Cathy Ward asked if there would be a year-end sports banquet, and Tim replied he is looking into the possibility of doing it virtual, but mentioned turnaround time for trophies might prove problematic given that trophy shops are closed.

Finances – March net loss of ~\$8K. Our Chase Bank representative is working our application for the SBA/Paycheck Protection Program.

Tech – Michael Ahlen commented that the number of tech support requests has been significant given everything is now being done virtually, and that he is trying to be as agile and quick as possible. Google is updating many of their products given how much is being done virtually right now, and he’s hoping that Google Classroom will be to a point where it can be implemented next year. (He’s currently testing the product with a few teachers.)

President – Bruce reminded everyone that he will host Wednesday evening prayer meetings beginning May 6th, 6:30pm, via Zoom. The 4:1 Application with King County has ground to a halt given the focus on COVID-19, but he and a couple of Board members were able to speak with Reagan Dunn to solicit his help in moving it forward. A RCMS task force is being created by Don Garnand and Dave Rehnberg, along with selected parents, to work towards improving the middle school experience at RCS. Sarah Rickel and others were thrilled with the results of our first ever online auction; current results are ~\$62k, with \$45k going toward fund-a-need.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) Donna Venning asked how she and others should best come forward with input/concerns, i.e. how are Bruce and the principals seeking input on what is and isn’t working? Bruce said he will seek feedback via an online “survey.”

General session closed at 7:30pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: May 26, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).