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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 25, 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: Dan Vander Pol (Treasurer), Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary), Kent Bruce, Mark Hargrove. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Michael Ahlen, Al Stever, Carol Meeuwse, Sigrid Jones, Dave Rehnberg, David Glass, Don Garnand, Donna Venning, Jessica Burrows, Tim Bryant, Vicki Shultz, Lea Anna, Phil Conrod, Cathy Ward, Lisa McMahon, Candi Wade, Mary McKee.
Absent: Steve Pope (Vice Chair).

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes:

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

No other actions or approvals were conducted.

President's Report, Bruce Kelly:

LPPC – Still touring prospective families; enrolling some new students who are coming here due to closures of their other nearby preschools; hired a new 4s teacher, Mary Stroud; working within ever-tightening budgets.

MVPC – Similar to LPPC, working within ever-tightening budgets.

KVE – A new wall was built by Scott Franzen/BNB Builders to create a music area enclosure; no band or orchestra this year; need to fill one more teacher position; praise for new teachers Mrs. Nelson (1st grade), Mrs. Kalifa (3rd grade) and Mr. Johnston (6th grade).

MVE – Enrollment is up to 57 students with the hopes of adding a few more before school starts; new flooring throughout the school; hired a Maker Space/PE teacher, Marcus Barnett, and a 5th grade teacher, Connie Guinn.



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RCMS – Hired a new Social Studies teacher, Caleb Brasher, and a new English teacher, Kali Barnes; no band or orchestra this year; portable F needs some roof work (primarily sealing); hoping to get 2-3 volunteers to help during lunch; 8th grade enrollment is almost full.

RCMS – Hired a new Art teacher, Kendall Sparkman, who has knowledge of 3D printing; still hoping for an upward trend in enrollment as people seek to send their kids to a high school that provides in-class learning.

RCS-wide – First day of new school year: Thursday, September 9, 2020; current enrollment of 350 students is up from June's level of 323.

Athletics – No fall sports at the middle school or high school levels; current plan is to push all sports to January and then cram all fall sports with winter and spring sports, which will make the juggling of schedules and transportation very tight/difficult; hired Juno Cruz for all volleyball teams (middle school and high school); Jeff Nelson and family all healthy following their bouts with Covid-19.

HR – New Employee Handbook finalized and available electronically; Admin Support now classified salaried/non-exempt; benefit renewal was forecast to increase 15%, but slight changes were made to our Kaiser plan that helped drive that increase down; praise for Sigrid Jones' mom, whose treatments for stage 3 cancer have resulted in the prognosis "resolved – results unremarkable."

Tech – With a greater dependence on tech due to Covid, there is plenty of tech activity, including: Chromebook dispersal, RCMS server upgrades, router/firewall upgrades, K-2 tablets, Google accounts for all K-12 students (we can shift to online learning if needed); new cameras in classrooms to help with remote learning; shout-out to volunteers Calvin Cochrane, Phil Conrod and Michael Grove for all their help; slight concern over FACTS transition to new school year.

President's Items –

1. We are honoring all CDC guidelines as we try our best to stay healthy and remain open.
2. Over 100 new-to-RCS students.
3. 4:1 application for Maple Valley property was denied.
4. In-person learning begins September 9.
5. We received Capital Project grants from St. Claire Flo and Giles Foundation.
6. PPE order will include digital thermometers and should arrive by September 4.



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Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) Jessica Burrows, new to RCS, asked what the 4:1 application was. Bruce Kelly gave a brief overview of the property involved (at Maple Valley campus) and what the denial means (changes the scope of a potential sale of the property).
- 2) Julie Franzen asked if the foundation grant funds were in any of the financial numbers. Al Stever said they only show up in the checking account, not in any financials.

General session closed at 7:06pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: September 29, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).