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

February 23, 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), Mark Hargrove. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, David Glass, Michael Ahlen, Vicki Shultz, Nadine Fujimoto, Brian/Cathy Ward, Dave Rehnberg, Don Garnand, Brandy Mayrhofer, Phil Conrod, Donna Venning, Staci Dale, Tawnya (don't know last name), Lisa Templeton, Shannon Bush, Marcus Johnson, Cal Ainley.

The meeting was called to order at ~6:05 pm.

### **Minutes Approval:**

Approval of January 2021 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Rick Rosenkranz; Seconded: Dan Vander Pol. 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 continues to search for qualified and committed staff to fill the school's open teaching positions; Administrative Assistant Lee Anna Jackson will retire this August.

MVPC – David Glass has been able to shuffle staff from MVPC to help MVE with its computing and PE teaching gaps; Department of Children, Youth and Families licensing renewal is coming up; David is examining staffing needs if the school is able to "re-open" more fully in the fall and enrollment increases past current "social-distancing" limits.

MVE – David reported recent vandalism issues, specifically to the fire pump house, and a plan is in place to weld a security shield to the pump house door; praises to Michael Ahlen for installing cameras around the campus buildings; the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class is learning at home after a student tested positive for Covid; Mrs. Bell produced a kindergarten roundup video; conversing with other RCS principals for promotional video/marketing ideas.

KVE – Don Garnand reported that KVE is holding its Book Fair online this year; he asked for prayer for his staff as nearly every member is going through some sort of serious issue outside



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the school; lots of interest and many tours given for prospective new students/families next school year.

RCMS – Don reported that things were “kinda boring,” which is good state of being for middle school; sports, specifically soccer, has begun again; needs an electrician to fix ballast issues in some of the classrooms/portables.

RCHS – Dave Rehnberg reported a lot of interest in enrollment, especially for 9<sup>th</sup> grade for next school year – many people coming in earlier than in past years to look at enrolling; Dave is planning on normal-sized classes next year, with masks but less social-distancing required; virtual tours of the campus available online; in trying to offer students additional outside activities than athletics, Marcus Johnson will be heading up an Outdoor Club; pray for seniors, whose high school experience has been impacted since the middle of their junior year; looking at how to do Graduation Day this year, and hoping that the kids will be able to go on their senior trip; the international arena might be slowly opening back up, which could mean an uptick in our international student community; the school had its first Covid case, with a staff member having already returned healthy and no known spread to students.

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 393 (350 in August, 367 in September). New students already enrolled for next year: 26!

Athletics – New AD Marcus Johnson reported that all Fall season sports began in February: cross country, football, girls volleyball, soccer; the kids are excited to finally compete, and it helps their psyche in many intangible ways; the new Athletic webpage links to league schedules and should make it easier to communicate games/re-schedules/rosters/etc. with students and parents; some games have been impacted by Covid, but ADs have been good about rescheduling the missed games.

Finances – Bruce Kelly, playing the role of Al Stever who has entered “tax season,” reported that net income for January was positive. The PPP loan is still “open,” but we expect total loan forgiveness.

HR – Sigrid Jones was out, tending to her mother.

Tech – Michael Ahlen installed video cameras at the Maple Valley campus and is hoping to add some to RCHS; many Chromebook issues this month, and Michael hopes to test Chromebook alternatives before the school needs to replace its expiring Chromebooks in larger numbers.



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President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Fund-a-Need at the Auction brought in \$50,000 to help with teachers' salaries, allowing him to begin implementing a more rigorous salary model that he has hoped to adopt since being hired. He is finalizing the instructional framework and salary model.
- 2) Radio ads marketing RCS will play in the first two weeks of March.
- 3) Praises for in-person learning/teaching this school year, accomplished with minimal issues.

**Open discussion time with attendees:**

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:07pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: March 30, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).