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GENERAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 28, 2023 – KVE, 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), Darryl D'Ambrosio, Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary). School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: David Glass, Alan Bulger, Sigrid Jones, Carol Meeuwse, Patty Edwards, Jon Bach, Wes Brown, Matthew Ahlen, plus 8 attendees online.

Board Members Absent: Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by Bruce Kelly at 6:03pm.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of January 2023 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Dan Vander Pol. Seconded: Darryl D'Ambrosio. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other Board actions or approvals were conducted or reported.

President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:

LPPC –Carol Meeuwse reporting. Introduced the children to a variety of local workers, including a librarian, a fisherman, a helicopter pilot and the tooth fairy. In need of a childcare assistant to cover a part time afternoon shift. As always, enrollment increases would be good. Bill Dipple upgraded the steps and ramp to the main portable.

MVPC – Patty Edwards reporting. Bathroom remodel of upper restrooms should be completed by the end of March. Annual compliance forms have been submitted; awaiting visit/inspection from licenser before end of school year. Continued prayer requested for a teacher recovering from surgery. In need of a Summer BASC Program Lead. As always, enrollment increases would be good. Patty mentioned having difficulty getting some documentation from the Muckleshoots, and Darryl D'Ambrosio offered his assistance as he is a member of the Tribe.

MVE – David Glass reporting. Move-Up Day/Kinder Roundup went very well, with all students making a jump up one grade and 6th graders going to RCMS. In coordination with KVE and Weldo Melvin from RCHS, MVE is in the process of finding a new set of Elementary level Math instructional materials. David reported signing a number of withdrawal forms recently, citing things such as family status changes, going to a larger Christian school, or financial reasons.

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Still in need of a 4th grade teacher as someone lined up for it has bowed out. The MVE 5th/6th grade basketball team is doing well its first year. David reported that some upper level grade readers who had fallen behind in reading were responding to some focused efforts by Connie Guinn and others.

KVE – Bruce Kelly reporting. PTF has been great in leading things such as the Valentine’s Dance and Reptile Man assembly. Working on phonics-based ELA for K-2. Written agreements finalized for use of KVE gym and fields for primarily RCS-purposes. PE Night to be held March 1st, which will be a Badminton Clinic. Art Show on April 20th. Hoping to restart Band in 2023/2024 school year, along with an after school chess club. Alan Bulger has expressed an interest in the KVE Principal position for 2023/2024. Kids are responding to chapel messages. Mrs. Neveu has been hired as an Academic Support Specialist. New picnic tables were assembled by some parents!

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. 6th Grade Visitation day went well. Campus beautification will be held on Earth Day, along with a Plant Sale, on April 22. Needing to fill staff positions for ELA and FMLA. Twelve 7th grade tours have been conducted for next year. Parents’ support for staff via regular staff luncheons has been great.

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. Two new courses proposed for next year: Advanced Placement U.S. History and Construction Trades. We now have a candidate for the 7-12 principal position. The Mission Adventure 2023 Costa Rica trip, partnered with Youth With a Mission, is set for 14 students. Students not going on the trip have held fundraising activities to help purchase supplies for the trip. NHS students, along with their advisor Mr. Lee, were helpful as tour guides for the Campus Visitation Day. The idea of crafting an outdoor horse sculpture has progressed to the point where the Artistic Advisory Committee will meet with local chainsaw artist David Hague about his potential help.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment of 359, up from September 2022 of 356.

Tech – Wes Brown reporting. A generous donation of network switch equipment from Better PC Recycle in Lynnwood allowed us to replace equipment at MVE, helping their network. The district office is working to digitize its many paper records; in discussions with Xerox and Konica Minolta about their offerings in this realm.

HR – Sigrid Jones reporting. In talks with a Benefit broker who suggests premiums could increase next school year; Kaiser costs increased well above the 15% premium cap last year. Medical claims are a factor in increased rates, at which point Julie Franzen asked Sigrid if Kaiser costs were aggregate across the whole industry or based upon our own individual RCS costs.

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Sigrid said they are based upon our own costs, so wellness programs are critical at keeping people healthy and rates down. Regarding ADP, we continue building modules for full electronic documentation.

Athletics – Bruce Kelly reporting. RCHS will field a baseball team this spring for the first time since 2013. Rachel Davis, a former collegiate track and field member, has been hired to coach the RCHS Track and Field team this year. The basketball and cheerleading teams will hold summer camps to help them be better prepared and conditioned for next season.

Finances – Bruce Kelly reporting. January 2023 positive net income. For FY22/23, RCS is still at a loss in line with previous years. Maple Valley Roof Repair remains on hold pending County permitting.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) New curriculum or renewals for K-6 Math, ELA with HMH, and K-6 Bible.
- 2) State Board of Education approved our annual report to keep our schools accredited.
- 3) Many openings for teaching and leadership positions.
- 4) Need an auction coordinator, along with help setting fundraising goals.
- 5) Thankful for the Prayer TEAM support
- 6) Thankful for Jon Bach's help in improving the Board meeting streams.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) No topics were presented/discussed.

General session closed at 6:55pm with prayer by Bruce.

NO March Board meeting as several Board members will be unavailable.

Next General Board Meeting: April 25, 6:00pm – RCHS.

We will also use Google Meets to provide an online/remote option.