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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 26, 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, Sigrid Jones, Dave Rehnberg, Don Garnand, Garth Gill, Lisa McMahon, Sean Hummel, Nicole Kummer, Eboni Haney, Kyrin Hall-Hopkins.

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

Minutes Approval:

Approval of November 2020 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 an uptick in tours; CPR and First Aid licensing/certification was completed online; need a 2s/3s lead teacher; staff hit with colds and flu, so pray for safe and healthy school environment.

MVPC – David Glass reported that while the campus has been blessed with minimal power outages as compared to past years, they lost power during the last big wind storm; need to fill one teacher position; developing strategies to increase enrollment is difficult given social distancing requirements which impacts the maximum number of kids that can be in classrooms/on campus; there's a new MVPC "landing" page at the school website.

MVE – David Glass reported that classes are maxed out per social-distancing requirements; tours are on-going, but they're for enrollment for next school year since all classes are currently full; upgraded the AV system in the gym, with plenty of help from some families; because a teacher left in the fall, teachers have felt some increased stress trying to manage their illnesses and appointments while covering that open position.



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Question asked by Rick Rosenkranz: David, have you heard any feedback from MVE parents regarding the shift of RCMS to the RCHS location?

Answer: David senses most families view it as a positive as it helps with transportation issues, but as he doesn't have any 6th graders currently, it's not much of an issue for MVE folks at this point.

KVE – Don Garnand reported that the new walkie-talkie radios help tremendously in communicating campus-wide issues quickly; leaking roofs have been fixed but will need further attention over the summer; providing lots of tours, some for this year, some for next, but right now there's only one slot available in 2nd grade, all other grades are full (given social-distancing requirements); staff has suffered several health and family issues, so please pray for them; Don will be analyzing staffing needs for next year should enrollment increase in conjunction with a return to a more normal school year; recently added some substitute teachers, which brings the total pool to a good number.

Question asked by Rick Rosenkranz: Don, have you heard any feedback from KVE or RCMS parents regarding the shift of RCMS to the RCHS location?

Answer: Don senses some people are worried about transportation to Black Diamond Camps, but he has not heard anyone outright say they would not return if RCMS shifted locations.

RCMS – Don reported that a family stepped up to provide good projectors, and thanked Michael Ahlen for installing them; continues to see tour/enrollment interest in families joining RCMS this year and also next year; the potential shift of RCMS to RCHS has helped Don and Dave Rehnberg to communicate regularly and share ideas; Mr. Bryant is subbing for Brian Christian as he recovers from his broken foot.

RCHS – Dave Rehnberg said that, as with the other campuses, he has seen more interest in outside families enrolling both this year and next; as with the other campuses, he can't add too many this year due to social distancing, though the Sophomore Class is small and could use some new kids; maintenance issues have popped up and as a renter we've had to reach out to BDC for assistance in fixing things; we've opened dialog with Grand Canyon University regarding STEM and how to improve our technological education/academics; developing plans for next year with two possibilities: either COVID restrictions still exist or they've been loosened; Mrs. Thomas broke her fibia; the pandemic greatly affected this year's international enrollment, which means they aren't here on campus to hear any gospel message.

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 392 (350 in August, 367 in September).



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Athletics – Bruce Kelly reported that Marcus Johnson, the RCHS basketball coach, will be the new AD; cross country will begin either February 1st or 8th, with a new coach, possibly Caleb Mallory; most other sports remain in Covid limbo, awaiting a shift to Phase 2 and other “loosening” of pandemic restrictions.

HR – Sigrid Jones reported that Employee Paid Sick Leave was extended but not mandatory, but if companies do comply they receive a tax credit.

Tech – Michael Ahlen continues internet optimization at RCHS and KVE, including bandwidth increases; he’s also working on optimizing WiFi connectivity across the district; there’s a concern that many Chromebooks will be reaching their designated service life soon – seventy are set to “expire” in September 2021 (many at KVE), with another big batch “expiring” in June 2022.

Question asked by Julie Franzen: Is there a plan in place along with budget for replacing these Chromebooks?

Answer: Bruce Kelly said that this will most likely be a Fund-a-Need at the next auction.

President’s Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Future/new enrollment will be handled mostly online/digital.
- 2) The “RCMS to RCHS” relocation plan has generated mostly positive feedback; Bruce hasn’t heard anything negative.
- 3) Bruce and a couple of Board members recently met with King County Parks, which has shown an interest in the 35 acres parcel, but no one has heard anything as a follow-up.
- 4) Continuing to look for options for a home gym for high school basketball and volleyball.
- 5) Thankful for our new banking partner, Chase Bank
- 6) Year-end giving was ~\$68,000; very encouraging.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:20pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: February 23, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).