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GENERAL MEETING - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 2023 meeting held February 1, 2023 – MVE, 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), Mark Hargrove, Darryl D'Ambrosio, Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary). School President: Bruce Kelly.

Attendees: David Glass, Alan Bulger, Sigrid Jones, Kristyn Gish, Carol Meeuwse, Patty Edwards, Cathy Ward, and Brian Ward (all in person), and many attendees online but names not recorded.

Board Members Absent: Steve Pope (Vice Chair).

The meeting was called to order with an opening prayer by Bruce Kelly at 6:00pm.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of November 2022 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Rick Rosenkranz. Seconded: Julie Franzen seconded. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

Other Board Actions: On December 14, 2022, Julie Franzen made an email motion to approve MVE 3rd-Grade teacher Jazzmine Edwards' request for a Conditional Certificate.

Seconded: Rick Rosenkranz. The Board approved by unanimous vote via email that same day.

President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:

LPPC –Carol Meeuwse reporting. Four new kids enrolled. Carol praised substitute Diana Olson for stepping in when staff was short due to illness/family matters. Needs to hire an afternoon childcare assistant to cover closing shift. Received four quality air purifiers through the Department of Children, Youth and Families at no cost.

MVPC – Patty Edwards reporting. Recently hired a full-time childcare assistant. MVPC join with MVE for the Country Breakfast and Open House scheduled for February 11th. Patty is working with David Glass on the pre-contracting steps necessary for attaining Early Learning Facilities grant funds. MVPC will be losing many of its current students next year so is hoping and praying for an influx of new kids, toddlers and three-year-olds. An informational handout was created for prospective families for LPPC/MVPS for when they come to tour.

Julie Franzen, Chair / Steve Pope, Vice Chair

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MVE – David Glass reporting. Bathrooms in process of being remodeled. With the two new basketball hoops installed, MVE now has basketball teams competing in the Nisqually Elementary League. Camp Casey planning meetings have begun. Teachers are working hard to bring students who are behind in learning up to a higher level, especially in reading. Need a long-term substitute teacher, particularly to help in 4th grade. Recently got district approval to begin a Friday pizza fundraiser to help with costs associated with various advertising ideas for open houses and such.

KVE – Bruce Kelly reporting. Mrs. Neveu has been hired as an Academic Support Specialist. PTF is planning a Valentine Dance/Party open to families. Camp Casey planning now underway. Hosted recent visits by the Mayor of Kent and local Firefighters. Red Carpet Day for 6th-graders will be held February 22. Seven students did very well in the Patriot's Pen-VFW contest.

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. RCMS has begun implementing several worthy elementary school routines such as morning flag salute and Mustang groups. A Creative Writing Club has formed. There will be a RCHS information night for 8th-grade students/families. RCMS needs a "Mrs. Neveu-like" Academic Support Specialist to help students who've lost over a year of learning due to the pandemic. There has been a steady stream of tours for 7th-grade, with lots of families upset about current public school conditions.

RCHS – Bruce Kelly reporting. The Mission Adventure 2023 Costa Rica trip, partnered with Youth With a Mission, is undergoing training for expectations/roles/activities. Students who are going have begun offering their various services for donations toward paying for the trip. Students not going on the trip have formed the Ground Crew, dealing with dress codes on the campus. Still a great need for a school principal. Staff has been great at stepping up with substitute coverage and also at helping build up its own positive community.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment of 357, up from September 2022 of 356.

Athletics – Bruce Kelly reporting. New AD and Assistant AD: Jason Baskett and Kofi Adusei. Kofi coached the basketball team. Varsity girls basketball made District playoffs. Hoping to start a youth spring/summer basketball feeder program to help with future teams. Varsity baseball will be offered for the first time since 2010. Jason and Kofi will be working with KVE to "reclaim" the gym and fields for RCS-related activities rather than for outside groups who have no ties to RCS. Booster Club hoping to restart in spring.

Finances – Bruce Kelly reporting. Financial report included both November and December 2022 since there was no December Board meeting. November and December Net Income was positive.



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Tech – No specific tech report given.

HR – No specific HR report given, but Sigrid Jones is back in that role for the District!

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Sigrid Jones is back with RCS in the HR role.
- 2) Tuition increase of 9.3% will be brought to the Board for approval, with an increase necessary to continue to bring staff salaries to levels which are more competitive with other private and public schools.
 - a. Several questions and concerns were raised by some parents, mainly around the likelihood of losing families if the tuition is too high. Bruce maintains that staff salaries need to increase if we want to retain our teachers, and also suggested that those who will struggle with tuition can apply for tuition assistance.
- 3) Our current elementary math curriculum will be sunsetted/phased-out at the end of the year and we will need to adopt new materials.
- 4) Auction Coordinator position is open, with Sarah Rickel stepping down after several years of great work.
- 5) We received a generous \$10K donation to help purchase a new shuttle bus.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) No topics were presented/discussed.

General session closed at 7:10pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: February 28, 6:00pm – KVE, exact location TBD.

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