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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 29, 2021 – Virtual Meeting, 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). School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, Dave Rehnberg, David Glass, Don Garnand, Vicki Shultz, Al Stever, Jennifer Auguston.
Absent: Steve Pope (Vice Chair), Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of May 2021 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Dan Vander Pol; Seconded: Julie Franzen. 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 that their summer program is in full swing; still looking for the right staffing to fill their open positions.

MVPC – David Glass reported that MVPC graduation went well, in-person and online; Spring concert video released and available; needs to fill at least one full-time and two part-time positions to handle the expected enrollment growth for the upcoming school year.

MVE – David reported that the Masters project went extremely well, held outside and well-attended; up-coming school improvements include replacing whiteboards and new hoops in the gym that can adjust to 10'; 84 students enrolled for next year, which means some grades might be split into two classes, with the issue being unable to hire enough teachers.

Rick Rosenkranz asked David about a comment in his written report about teachers feeling frustrated with the amount of work they have to do in their free time, asking if David had ideas to help alleviate those frustrations. David replied that he's hoping to add a half-day off every quarter to help them do these things while on the clock, and he's exploring other ideas so teachers have additional "free time" while in class to catch-up and complete grading.



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KVE – Don Garnand reported that 6th grade promotion went great, held in-person; luncheon held for a retiring Julie Fail, which included Kit Bennett since she retired during the pandemic restrictions last year; enrollment doing well at 135, but KVE needs teachers: Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 4th grades and a K-6 music teacher; gym floor being redone; portable F getting a new roof and Kindergarten portable getting new HVAC; portable H has a sagging deck.

RCMS – Don reported that 8th grade promotion went well, held in-person; year-end BBQ was held with food by Chef Steve Pope; volunteers will be needed to move RCMS stuff to BDC/RCHS when the date is finalized (lease with BDC – the earliest we could move in would be ~August 20); RCMS is fully staffed.

There was discussion regarding how many trips it would take to move RCMS equipment to BDC. Don estimated it would take several trips with a 24' truck, but maybe only one or two with a tractor trailer.

RCHS – Dave Rehnberg reported that Community Impact Day at BDC accomplished many of the tasks BDC had requested; Senior Trip to Idaho; held a June 7th Awards Ceremony and a June 11th retirement celebration for Mr. Melton and Mr. McCreedy; Graduation held in-person at Grace Community Church in Auburn on June 12, with 18 graduating seniors; need teachers for Bible, computers, biology and art.

RCS-wide – 20/21 year-end enrollment finished at 395 (350 in August 2020).

Athletics – Bruce reported for Marcus Johnson, who was manning the fireworks stand and hoping to sell out their product; open coaching positions for volleyball, softball, middle school basketball and middle school baseball; still hoping to turn the court at BDC gym into league-approved court, but will likely require moving the shipping containers at some expense.

Finances – Al Stever reported that May net income was up for FY20/21. Al is hearing that it is possible we will not be reimbursed for our entire PPP loan, perhaps due to the non-allowance of some of our benefits.

HR – No report.

Tech – Matthew Ahlen has been intermittent due to other responsibilities.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

Julie Franzen, Chair / Steve Pope, Vice Chair
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- 1) 35 acre parcel at MVE – King County Parks will either buy the whole parcel with easement, or buy the forested easement portion only. Offer may come in the Fall.
- 2) St. Clair Flo Foundation – Distributions of the \$160K to be spread on projects across MVE, LPPC, KVE, RCMS/RCHS. Bruce will prepare and send a letter to Chase Bank detailing those distributions.
- 3) Many staffing needs RCS-wide, but this is not unique to RCS as all school districts are struggling to fill positions.
- 4) Praise for the Safe Reopen Plan implemented at the beginning of the school year. It seemed to work despite periodic hiccups and additional strain and stress on staff.
- 5) 21/22 school enrollment sitting at 362-371.
- 6) Praise for current financial management. Al has helped spotlight areas for cutting costs and helped put some rigor back into the financial/budgeting processes, which will help us in the future.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:02pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: August 31, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual). *No July Board meeting.*