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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 30, 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). School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: David Glass, Michael Ahlen, Vicki Shultz, Cathy Ward, Dave Rehnberg, Don Garnand, Marcus Johnson, Lisa Templeton, Daryl D'Ambrosio.
Absent: Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at ~6:04 pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of February 2021 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Steve Pope; 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 – Reporting for Carol Meeuwse, Bruce Kelly said LPPC has hired two additional staff members; LPPC is currently under Covid closure, though staff is Covid-free.

MVPC – David Glass reported that MVPC was voted "Best Daycare in Renton" in the Renton Reporter's "Best Of" voting; MVPC recently passed their licensing renewal; David will need additional staffing as a current team member is about to deliver a baby.

MVE – David reported that MVE kids' volunteer fundraising efforts raised over \$2500 for Union Gospel Mission; MVE still needs a Maker Space teacher for next year; David reported that it looks like they will have enough 6th graders next year to offer a 6th grade class; current enrollment for next year is at an encouraging ~80 kids, which is the highest he has seen.

KVE – Don Garnand reported that KVE's in-service time with teachers late March was very productive; KVE will have a few open teaching positions next year, one being to backfill following Julie Fail's retirement; the PTF is holding a "soft good" drive to gather items to take to Value Village; planning on holding a Fun Run in the Spring; there will be no 6th grade camp



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again this year, to which Steve Pope suggested doing something local, like a Field Day or a local getaway with the kids.

RCMS – Currently closed due to potential Covid exposure amongst kids, shifted to online learning, with parents reporting that it is going better than public schools' online teaching; all staff are returning next year; Don reported that he and Dave Rehnberg speak frequently about next year's move of the middle school to the high school campus to ensure a smooth transition.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg said he is trying to foster a "celebratory" atmosphere with staff as it has been an extremely challenging year and he wants to create some positivity; held a recent meeting with incoming 9th graders which includes a number of new families; also held an informational meeting about Running Start to offer parents the pros and cons of that program; regarding Graduation Day, Grace Community Church is planning on hosting us *live*, though with limited attendance; several teachers will be retiring or leaving, creating a need to hire new teachers; the campus has had to deal with several Covid cases, all of which originated off campus and thus limited potential exposures, allowing the school to continue teaching in-person.

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 395 (350 in August, 367 in September). Next year's enrollment currently at 386, which is an encouraging number at this stage of enrollment.

Athletics – Marcus Johnson reported that all the Fall season sports re-started in February/March have completed: cross country, football, girls volleyball, middle school soccer; needs a soccer coach for the high school team; starting season now for girls softball, RCMS boys basketball; held a workday late March to get the softball fields ready, with a good turnout; Don Garnand reported that the Speech and Debate team finished strongly, with two students qualifying for Nationals later this school year.

Finances – Bruce and Al Stever continue to look at cost saving measures to ensure the good trend in cost reduction continues; PPP loan is still "open" and we had to provide some additional information, but we still expect total loan forgiveness.

HR – Sigrid Jones was unavailable following the passing of her mother.

Tech – Michael Ahlen reported that a big Google update bogged down Chromebooks and that similarly Microsoft also had a Windows update; resolved several modem outage issues at RCMS and KVE; Michael said his biggest concern is the planning of the RCMS move to RCMS, making



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sure all the classrooms are supported; Michael will use Easter Break to work several on-campus issues while students/staff are away.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Working renewal of the RCHS lease at Black Diamond Camps with Board support.
- 2) Last auction's Fund-a-Need helped Bruce create a more competitive staffing/salary schedule and improve wages for staff.
- 3) New padding for the walls at the KVE gym have arrived.
- 4) Bruce is working with Kent School District to get funding aid for students who qualify.
- 5) Although there was no Standardized Testing this year, Bruce would like to take students through our own tools, which help kids determine interests and further their development.
- 6) Al Stever uncovered that FACTS has been charging RCS for semi-bloated information system services and he is working with FACTS to lower our charges, which could save over \$100k annually.
- 7) There was a post-game shuttle bus breakdown, but an auto shop couldn't find anything wrong it.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:13pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: April 27, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).