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## **GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

May 26, 2020 – via Google Meet, 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), Kent Bruce. School President: Bruce Kelly.

Attendees: Al Stever, Carol Meeuwse, Dave Rehnberg, David Glass, Don Garnand, Donna Venning, Florence Kimura, Garth Gill, Kasey Yost, Lisa McMahon, Nadine Fujimoto, Phil Conrod, Sigrid Jones, Weldo Melvin, Tim Bryant, Vicki Shultz, Brian Ward, Belynda Walls, Kevin Reid, Pam Crenstil, Melissa Rogers, Avery (last name?).

Absent: Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

### **Minutes:**

Approval of April 2020 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:**

LPPC – All staff is back to full-time. Applied for \$14,000 child care grant through WA State Department of Family and Youth Services with the stipulation that LPPC must remain open through July 31, 2020 (with COVID-19 exceptions); expect to receive grant approval within a week. Decrease in enrollment has caused all ages to be placed in one class.

MVPC – Also applied for \$14,000 child care grant through WA State Department of Family and Youth Services with the stipulation that MVPC must remain open through July 31, 2020 (with COVID-19 exceptions); expect to receive grant approval within a week. Playground structure is mostly complete and ready to be used.

KVE – 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will either be a drive-in event or a Google Meet virtual ceremony. Kit Bennett is retiring, and Madison Collins and Mimi Danese are leaving at the end of the year due to life changes. 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher has been hired; still looking for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

Julie Franzen, Chair / Steve Pope, Vice Chair

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MVE – Several students have already come to the campus to pick up their personal items. MVE will have a couple of staff openings to fill before next school year.

RCMS – Jayne Munch is retiring and Josh Springs will be leaving at the end of the school year. 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will be either a drive-in event or a Google Meet virtual ceremony.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg reported that Graduation Day continued to be slightly in flux, but most likely will be a drive-up event at the high school, with each family limited to one car, and graduates (and their families) scheduled to enter the chapel one-at-a-time to get their diplomas. Senior trip has been rescheduled to late-July, with destination of Silverwood Park in Idaho. Need to find new teachers next school year for Art, Sign Language, and Computing Tech. Working with Black Diamond Camps for policies and procedures regarding Graduation Day and other drive-in activities (such as students picking up personal belongings).

- There was a question at this time regarding other Graduation Day options (Dan Vander Pol suggested a drive-in event at KVE campus), to which Dave Rehnberg replied for our need to adhere to King County and WA State health guidelines. Dave was also hesitant to push the Grad Date out past June 6<sup>th</sup> because there would be no guarantee a later date would be any less restrictive and might also impact some families' ability to attend.
- Brian Ward asked about a date for students to clean out their lockers; Dave said an announcement would be made in the next RCMS newsletter.

RCS-wide – Enrollment has fallen to 344 since its fiscal year high of 401 on March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Athletics – Most 8to18 payments have been refunded, and Tim Bryant said was still working on the refunds for people who haven't yet received them. We are continuing to move forward with the July fireworks display fundraiser at the Covington Walmart, and people can sign up for their volunteer hours online; the golf tournament is also ready for sign-ups. Tim is close to finalizing the revisions to the Athletic Handbook and also the creation of a Coach's Manual that will describe coaching and fundraising expectations. Tim reported that four schools left the Chinook Middle School league, leaving us with a smaller pool of teams to play competitively.

Finances – April net income of ~\$27K. Al Stever reported that PPP funds of \$660K was approved on May 20, 2020, with many thanks to Belynda Walls of Chase for her help through that process; these funds will show as a liability since it is technically a loan, and we will need to complete an application for PPP loan forgiveness; PPP funds will allow us to keep and pay our staff through the downturn.



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Tech – The tech department continues to respond to hardware and Chromebook issues. Continuing to work toward the goal of 1-to-1 devices per student.

President – Virtual prayer time, Wednesdays, 6:30pm. K-6 ELA/Reading Program is near finalization with decisions this week; results will be detailed in the June President’s letter; Bruce is working with Run-to-Win Ministries to see if there might be some synergy in hosting a summer program; 4:1 Application regarding property at the Maple Valley campus – there was one lone objection to the sale of the parcel, to which Bruce submitted a rebuttal/challenge to the objection; the potential “RCMS move to the high school campus” failed to gain enough support to move forward with this concept for next school year (60% were okay with the move with 23% opposed), so Bruce will host some virtual Town Hall meetings in the fall to explain the benefits; the online auction netted \$65K, which everyone viewed as a positive result for such a drastic change in “venues.”

- Donna Venning asked for confirmation that RCMS would NOT move to the high school this coming school year, and Bruce confirmed that there would be no move this coming school year. Bruce also shared that the positives with the move were: 1) middle schoolers would mature faster being around high schoolers than being around elementary kids; and 2) course offerings would be greater. Negatives were: 1) traveling distance for people living further west ( such as Federal Way); and 2) the age disparity between a 7<sup>th</sup> grader (12-year old) and a senior (18-year old).

Bruce reported that Black Diamond Camps has been slammed financially due to Covid-19 and has canceled all summer camps; there will also be a change in leadership to oversee operations, and though Doug Sweet will remain the camp’s Executive Director, Warm Beach now has a leadership role.

#### **Open discussion time with attendees:**

- 1) Garth Gill asked what we should expect in September aka the next school year. Bruce said he was working with other schools on how they might re-open, and he is also working with other private schools in drafting a response to the State should a decision be made that ALL schools be closed, looking for exceptions for private schools because of our relatively smaller class sizes than public schools and lesser student density in classrooms.

General session closed at 7:17pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: June 30, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).