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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 25, 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), Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary), Mark Hargrove. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, Dave Rehnberg, David Glass, Don Garnand, Vicki Shultz, Nadine Fujimoto, Al Stever, Sigrid Jones, Brian Ward, Darryl D'Ambrosio, Lisa Templeton.
Absent: Dan Vander Pol (Treasurer).

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

Minutes Approval:

Approval of April 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:

Bruce Kelly opened the meeting with a comment that across all campuses, RCS is facing staffing shortfall issues; this problem is not inherent with RCS, as most other school districts are facing the same problem.

LPPC – Carol Meeuwse reported that LPPC held their promotion last week and that twelve preschoolers will move forward to KVE; KVE will help with summer staffing; \$6,500 childcare grant received from Department of Child, Youth and Families (DCYF).

MVPC – David Glass reported that MVPC also received a DCYF grant of \$6500; reiterated the staffing shortfall issues already mentioned, but has received some resumes.

MVE – David reported the Fun Run gained over \$10K, which will be used to replace aging whiteboards and improve internet connectivity; in lieu of Field Day, MVE will host a secret assembly, which will include a hydroplane, its driver, and other intriguing things; MVE is losing a couple of very good teachers this summer and needs quality teachers to replace them.



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KVE – Don Garnand reported that play chips were delivered and spread; June 15th is 6th-grade promotion; with RCMS moving next school year, KVE has some empty classrooms, so pray for enrollment; Fun Run gained almost \$15K, which will be used to purchase two AEDs.

RCMS – Pads now up in the gym; all four core RCMS teachers will transition to the RCHS campus next year, and they are already trying to envision the transition to that site; Don completed his Master's Degree and certification.

Rick Rosenkranz asked how many 8th graders Don estimated would be continuing on to RCHS, and Don replied that it looks to be around 70-75%.

RCHS – Dave Rehnberg reported that the Prom was held live in early May; middle school family day was held at RCHS the weekend of May 22-23 to showcase the campus; community impact day will be this Friday at BDC to help beautify and spruce up the camp for summer guests; Graduation Day at Grace Community Church will be live with limited attendance (397 seats max), with 18 kids graduating this year; senior trip to Idaho is on; reiterated staffing shortfall concerns as RCHS has three teachers retiring and several leaving, though he just hired a social studies teacher.

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 397 (350 in August, 367 in September). Next year's enrollment looks to be between 365-387.

Athletics – Most basketball seasons now complete; some promising discussions with BDC in terms of making their gym WIAA-acceptable for league basketball and volleyball games.

Finances –The SBA is still being very particular about documentation regarding the PPP process, but Chase Bank still expects we will receive full loan forgiveness.

HR – Sigrid Jones reported that changes in current Benefit plan services could drive up the cost, which may mean we need to change services; she is trying to stay on top of communication with the staff to make sure any changes aren't a surprise.

Tech – As reported last meeting, Michael Ahlen will be leaving RCS to take a job in the industry, so we will need a new IT director next year.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Bruce completed his Superintendent certification program.



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- 2) Bruce is concerned that RCS might not be making itself more inviting to other cultures, so he has begun translating some of our web documents into Spanish to be sensitive to the linguistic needs of those living in our area.
- 3) Bruce continues to work with the Kent School District to get Title 1 support/funds, in addition to Title 2 and 3.
- 4) All Christian superintendents seem to be struggling with current cultural narratives, such as race and gender, and Bruce intends to step toward those issues and dialog about them rather than ignore them.

Julie Franzen asked about the RCMS/RCHS IT plan, and Bruce replied that they will most likely need a junior level network administrator to handle on-site issues.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) Parent Lisa Templeton raised her concerns about vaccine safety, and is especially concerned if there is a mandate requiring all children to be vaccinated to attend RCS. Bruce replied that while he encourages everyone to be vaccinated for the safety and benefit of those around them, we will never mandate it.

General session closed at 7:25pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: June 29, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).