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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 31, 2022 – KVE, 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), Mark Hargrove, Darryl D'Ambrosio. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, David Glass, Vicki Shultz, Nadine Fujimoto-Norris, Jason Norris, Shannon Brush, Andy Robinson, Yvonne Ward, Hector Ramos, Christina Miller, Adam Miller, Lori Dunbar, Lyndi Wulls, Jaret Sathern, Carol Gill, Garth Gill, April Vander Pol, Naome Fouts.

Board Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm with Board introductions and opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of April 2022 General and Executive Minutes. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other actions or approvals were conducted.

Bruce Kelly opened by welcoming attendees both live/in-person and on-line/streaming.

President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:

LPPC – Carol Meeuwse reported that preschool to kindergarten graduation was held May 25th. Summer Adventure program began May 31st, with many activities planned throughout the summer. Staffing concerns continue, with need for Administrative Assistant, 4's lead teacher, and a chef. She asks for prayers for safety and good health.

MVPC – David Glass reported that they held their preschool graduation live/in-person last week. The Mini Mustang Stampede fundraiser went well. While staffing is set, David said that there is virtually no back-up staff, so they are running lean in terms of staffing.

MVE – David reported that the Mustang Stampede fundraiser went well and that the school had a field trip to a recent Mariner game in conjunction with Channel 4's Weather Day to learn more about meteorology. Secret Assembly is still up-coming, along with an Art Walk involving local businesses. Most staff openings filled – just need a 5th grade teacher.

Julie Franzen, Chair / Steve Pope, Vice Chair

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KVE – Bruce Kelly reported that the PTF did a great job for Teacher Appreciation week, and commended the KVE staff for doing great during his interim principal stint (on-going). He is trying to institute a building-wide approach to the discipline policy. Only staffing need is for a 1st grade teacher, which he thinks is the best position we've been in staff-wise since he has been here. 6th graders are at Camp Casey. Bruce is looking for a new principal, but so far has had no applicants.

RCMS – Bruce reported that Dave Rehnberg will be resigning for medical reasons. 8th grade promotion will be held June 13th at 6:30pm. Strong enrollment for the 2022/23 school year makes the shift from KVE to BDC seem worth it.

RCHS – Bruce reported that Graduation Day will be held at Grace Community Church in Auburn on June 11th at 11:00am. Plans in place to move out of all classrooms during the summer so BDC can use classrooms for their summer staff. Seniors are at Disneyland with Tawnya Smith and Kevin Reid as chaperones. Need a guidance counselor to replace Helene Thomas, who is leaving at the end of the year. All staff is returning next year!

RCS-wide – Current enrollment end of May '22: 384. (Beginning of year, 8/31/21: 385.)

Athletics – Marcus Johnson reported that track and field wrapped up last week with the State Championships at Eastern Washington University, where we had five girls participate. The Mustang Gallop 5K fundraiser raised \$4K. Fireworks stand will be in Black Diamond this year from 6/28-7/4. Academic and Award ceremony will be June 6th at 6:30pm at RCHS. Marcus will be helping student athletes with off-season workouts throughout the summer to get them prepped for next year.

Tech – Matthew Ahlen reported that the tech setup in kindergarten at KVE was completed, along with technology improvements at that campus to improve print capability. Many IT projects/fixes/upgrades planned for the summer when usage is at its lowest, making the transition to the new school year fairly seamless. A question was asked about how old the tech is that we're using, to which Matthew replied roughly 2012 vintage. He also said he was trying to help with wireless issues he knows exist at the RCHS/RCMS campus.

HR – Bruce reported for Sigrid Jones. Migrating to ADP over the summer, with training in August.

Finances – Al Stever reported April net income down with a current FY21/22 balance down.



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President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) RCS approved by the State Board of Education to operate as a private school for 2022/23.
- 2) Continued dialog with King County Parks over the sale of some/all of 35 acres at Maple Valley has resulted in no new movement toward a sale we feel comfortable with.
- 3) Superstar Servant's Luncheon to be held on June 10th to recognize RCS' best supporters.
- 4) New RCS TV ad will air in late June.
- 5) One main prayer: Need three principal positions filled.
- 6) Community Impact Day at Real Life church/food bank was a great experience, and Pastor Steve even wove the "serving" aspect into his sermon.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) Yvonne Ward asked if we were doing any safety assessments at each campus, especially considering each campus has multiple access points. Steve Pope and Darryl D'Ambrosio offered to examine doing an assessment, and David Glass said he had SWAT assessment at MVE campus a few years ago. Yvonne suggested that a parent or two be involved in whatever assessment occurs.
- 2) A question was asked about how widespread Bruce's principal search extended. Bruce said he was using several platforms (LinkedIn, ZipRecruiter), so definitely not just localized, but he hasn't gotten any hits.

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

No General Board Meeting in June or July 2020 – Executive Session only in June.

Next General Board Meeting: August 30, 2022, 6:00pm – IN-PERSON! Location TBD.