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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

November 24, 2020 – via Google Meet, 6:00pm

Type of meeting: General Board meeting with Directors and President, open to public.
Facilitator: Steve Pope (Vice Chair). Board Members: Dan Vander Pol (Treasurer), Rick Rosenkranz (Meeting Secretary), Mark Hargrove. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, David Glass, Michael Ahlen, Rodney Copes, Vicki Shultz, Nadine Fujimoto, Cathy Ward, Sigrid Jones, Dave Rehnberg, Don Garnand, Al Stever.
Absent: Julie Franzen (Chair).

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

Minutes Approval:

Approval of October 2020 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Rick Rosenkranz; Seconded: Dan Vander Pol. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

No other actions or approvals were conducted.

President's Report, Bruce Kelly and Principals:

LPPC – Carol Meeuwse reported that they, along with the other schools in the district, are getting creative with their Christmas program due to social distancing and inability to gather; LPPC will need a 2's teacher when Trina leaves to have her baby; pray for safe and healthy school environment.

MVPC – David Glass reported that their Christmas program will be put together after Thanksgiving; MVPC is using the online tool called Brightwheel for check-in/check-out of kids and staff from classrooms; MVPC will need a new teacher to cover when another teacher is either ill or has appointments; Patty Edwards has been very helpful in her role; thanks to parents for helping the school stay open by keeping kids home when they're not feeling well.

MVE – David Glass reported that registration/enrollment is up 11% since the beginning of the school year and up 26% from last year, even without a 6th grade class this year; the Amazing Race event was a hit with participants; David is always looking for ways to help boost the spirits of staff as the current teaching environment is not easy.



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Question asked by Rick Rosenkranz: David, do you foresee a 6th grade class being offered next year given how good your 5th grade numbers look this year?

Answer: MVE might be able to do a combined 5th/6th grade class as early as this school year, and yes... a lot of the 5th graders are long-time MVE kids, so we anticipate a 6th grade class next year.

KVE – Don Garnand reported that while there was not a Thanksgiving Feast this year, the PTF provided pizza to all the kids; changes made to report cards to better reflect standards and expectations; Don would like to provide an activity similar to MVE's Amazing Race; dealing with some emotional/mental health issues, both kids and staff; 6th graders bummed about not doing a Christmas program, so Don will look at doing some sort of program in the spring.

RCMS – As with KVE, emotional/mental well-being of kids and staff is a concern; 8th grade is now full with 25 kids, and Don (and Dave Rehnberg) obviously hope most continue on the RCHS school year.

Question asked by Steve Pope: Are any of the staff of any of the schools writing encouraging notes to students, and might that be a good idea?

Answer: David, Don and Dave all said they thought it was a good idea and would seek to do so.

RCHS – Dave Rehnberg said there is continued outside interest in sending teens to RCHS due to public school closures; he would like to work closely with Don Garnand to motivate 8th grade families to continue to 9th grade at RCHS; praised teachers for their efforts teaching under restrictions, remote, and dual-teaching/learning; international students have been limited, thus limiting our usual delivery of the Gospel message to that subset of the RCHS community; praise for zero cases of Covid at the high school; parent/teacher conferences were held via SignUp Genius.

RCS-wide – Enrollment stands at 386 (350 in August, 367 in September).

Athletics – Bruce Kelly reported that WIAA shut down all sports activity, including the training and skills activities that had been allowed; they will re-look the situation in mid-December to see if anything can change; all league games pushed out a minimum of one month, so anything planned for January will be February at the earliest; as an example of how bad things are, Carbanado canceled ALL their athletics for the entire school year.



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Finances – Al Stever reported that increased enrollment is helping some of the financial picture. October net income = ~+\$12K. FY 20/21 cumulative loss = ~-\$323K. Fall Auction took in approximately \$80k overall. No new news regarding PPP forgiveness, but application should be received soon and Lindy with Chase will help Al process the application.

HR – Sigrid Jones reported that Emergency Paid Sick Leave (EPSL) ends in December, though it could possibly be renewed in 2021 – this program allows for up to 80 hours of paid sick leave if Covid-related illness; entering audit and reporting season for current year 2020 1095s, W-2s, etc.

Tech – Michael Ahlen is working on audio issues with the Logitech cameras, printing problems with some of the 3D printers, and Chromebook repairs; Google is making some changes that include no more Cloud printing and Hangouts moving to “Chat”; online applications/enrollment process is being streamlined, and Kery Wong has really helped; looking to update phones at LPPC.

President’s Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Auction brought in \$80k, with \$50k earmarked for staff raises
- 2) Custodial service – new company has helped standardize cleaning processes across all campuses
- 3) Christmas Program – video will combine all campuses, who are each preparing their own “program;” this video will also include a “year-end giving” message.
- 4) King County Parks is interested in the 35 acres parcel.
- 5) Continuing to look for options for a home gym for high school basketball and volleyball.
- 6) Praise for the continued success of this year’s Safe-Reopen Plan.
- 7) Power at MVE has been very reliable this year, with zero power outages.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:08pm with prayer by Don Garnand.

Next General Board Meeting: January 26, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).
(No December Board meeting.)