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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October 26, 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), Mark Hargrove, Darryl D'Ambrosio. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, Dave Rehnberg, Don Garnand, Sigrid Jones, Vicki Shultz, Al Stever, Jon Bach, Loren Button, Michaela DeLorenzo, Caramel Moore, Rachel Guest, Lara Malanca.

Board Members Absent: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of September 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 – Carol Meeuwse reported the school was holding a Harvest Party on October 29th. She is expecting to see the Child Care Licensor, who tends to show up in-person in October each year. Applied for DCYF Child Care Stabilization Grant, with funds in 6-8 weeks. Tours continue, with two new children to begin in November. Lee Anna Jackson retires November 30th.

MVPC – Bruce Kelly reported for David Glass. David also applied for DCYF Child Care Stabilization Grants. Staff issues worsened recently when newly hired staff members decided they could not cover afternoon shifts and resigned. A praise: Strong enrollment in Junior Kindergarten class.

MVE – Bruce reported for David. SEA-TAC Electric has been on campus several times, helping with safety-related improvements. Grades 4 thru 6 are quarantining due to Covid in children's homes. Still in need of a music teacher for MVE/KVE.

KVE – Don Garnand reported that he is prepping a Christmas program that Mrs. Sipe helped him select. Trying to swap out fluorescent lights with LEDs. 2nd thru 6th grades are doing

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growth assessments through the new ELA curriculum. In need of substitute teachers. Conducted the first in-person Passport Testing since February 2020. Still giving tours and receiving inquiries about the school.

Question from Michaela DeLorenzo: Do substitutes need vaccinations?

Answer from Don Garnand: Yes, or submit a religious or medical exemption.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg reported that everything is a “first” for the middle school teachers and students during the transition from KVE to the BDC campus. Held the first combined RCMS/RCHS teacher in-service day on October 8th. RCMS teachers really seem to be embracing the change to the BDC campus.

RCHS – Dave is pleased with the progress on the gym. This has been the toughest hiring season for staffing that he’s ever seen. Twenty sophomores and juniors took the PSAT mid-October. Pre-ACT will be given to 8th and 9th graders in mid-March. Sophie Ramey was hired as the long-term substitute for Biology and Physical Science, with help from Mr. Melvin. Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held soon with both in-person and remote options.

Question from Julie Franzen: Are we having Homecoming this year?

Answer from Dave Rehnberg: Yes.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment end of October '21: 390. (Beginning of year, 8/31/21: 385.)

Athletics – Bruce Kelly reporting for Marcus Johnson, who was getting the gym ready for installation of the new floor. Gym should be ready for basketball season. Soccer and volleyball are wrapping up. RCMS basketball begins practicing October 28th. Winter sports begin November 15th. Gym roof fixes/patches have so far held with only minor leakage.

Tech – Loren Button reported that he is happy with a quote from ByteSpeed for Chromebook replacement job. Currently planning to deploy all 125 devices by January 5, 2022. ~\$40K with a one year warranty, or ~\$53K with a three year warranty. Needs to replace/fully upgrade network infrastructure (servers, firewalls, network switches, routers/repeaters) at ~\$15K.

HR – Sigrid Jones reported that the Benefits open enrollment successfully launched, with thirteen people signing up. Partnering with ADP to improve payroll functions, which should improve accuracy and efficiency.



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Finances – Al Stever reported September 2021 net income of up slightly, but lower than last year. Regarding PPP loan forgiveness, the SBA wants to meet organizations individually to discuss expenses incurred outside payroll and likely not grant forgiveness of such expenses.

Question from Rick Rosenkranz: What is the breakdown of payroll expenses vs. other expenses?

Answer from Al Stever: Payroll is ~84% of total expenses.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) St. Clair Flo Foundation will be presenting us with a second gift.
- 2) 35 acre parcel – King County Parks is doing another appraisal of the property.
- 3) Title Funds received through the Kent School District: Title I - \$5790; Title II - \$2800; Title IV - \$3870.
- 4) The RCHS-RCS President's Council has launched, examining the question "What is the goodness in this school?"
- 5) Fall Auction – November 15th thru 20th, with live auction on the 20th.
- 6) Need a Transportation Coordinator/shuttle driver.
- 7) Regarding vaccinations for students, Bruce is in agreement with the other private school superintendents in the area that this should not be mandated but be strictly "Parent's choice."
- 8) Acquired many PPP supplies for free, including masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:03pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: November 30, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).