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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 26, 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), Darryl D'Ambrosio. School President: Bruce Kelly. Attendees: Carol Meeuwse, David Glass, Nadine Fujimoto-Norris, Jon Bach, Heidi Bach, Mrs. Miller, Garth Gill, Kevin Reid, Alan Bulger, Nicholas Newman, Lara Malanca, Al Stever, Wes Brown, Condi Wade, Patty Edwards.
Board Members Absent: Mark Hargrove.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of August 2022 Executive Minutes. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.

The Board told the general public audience that at the August Executive session it had approved funds of up to \$36K for a new roof for one of the Maple Valley campus buildings and that the Board would revisit the decision at this evening's Executive session.

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 reporting. Elizabeth Zapata has joined the school as Program Supervisor for oversight for both preschool and childcare programs. Currently awaiting potential grants for Early Learning Facility (possibly up to \$1M, applied for \$550K), Staff Stabilization (\$5K check should arrive soon), and Workforce Retention through King County. Enrollment good but still has space for kids.

MVPC – Patty Edwards reporting. Patty has taken over David Glass' role at MVPC. Considering joining MVE's "Academic Eats" program to provide a lunch alternative for the kids. Awaiting word on the same Early Learning Facility (applied for \$300K) and Workforce Retention grants that LPPC applied for. Hoping for more students, especially in the 3s class as Covid fallout seems to have hit it the hardest. Scholastic Dollars has helped purchase STEAM items of over \$800. Currently fully staffed but thin on substitutes.

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MVE – David Glass reporting. Really enthusiastic about current staff’s energy and enthusiasm. Held Ice Cream Social and also a Back-to-School night. Kicked off an Academic Eats program as a lunch alternative for kids. Excited about new initiatives including sports, makerspace, and electives for upper elementary students.

KVE – Bruce Kelly reporting. New Assistant Principal Alan Bulger will help with day-to-day operations of KVE. Mrs. Neveu will begin a role as Academic Support Specialist. Looking at ways to provide more security at the front door of the campus while not being too burdensome. PTF has started strong and has already completed their school calendar. New teachers for Kindergarten and 3rd grade.

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. Installed nine security cameras around the campus. Implementing a wardrobe option for kids who get dress-coded. Kevin Reid taking a Dean of Students role. This year’s spiritual theme: God’s Personal Presence. Bruce concluded with praise for the move of the middle school to Black Diamond Camps as he has seen an increase in students and an increase in energy and excitement – “One of the best moves we’ve made.”

RCMS – Bruce Kelly reporting. New course: Anatomy and Physiology. Partnering with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) for a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2023; Rachael Ramey will spearhead the trip. Open teacher position: Maker Space for grades 7-12. Bruce concluded that this was a very organized beginning to the year, the best start of a school year in his five years here.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment of 356.

Q&A – Bruce opened to floor to questions and was asked about locker usage at RCMS/RCMS as some kids tote around a lot of heavy books. Bruce said they are all open and available to use, but need to be cleaned out every day, so kids can’t leave anything in them overnight.

Athletics – Bruce Kelly reporting for Marcus Johnson. Varsity soccer, volleyball and middle school soccer are about halfway through their seasons. One of the shuttles died near the Tacoma dome. Middle school boys basketball coach left with little warning, leaving a need for a new coach.

Finances – Al Stever reporting. The loss is normal for coming out of summer as we generate almost no revenue but still have expenses. A question was asked about increasing revenue through the summer via programs like BASC or tutoring; Al replied that such options have been



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examined in the past and been determined unfeasible in that they would require more students than we felt we could get to start such programs (breakeven point too high).

Tech – No specific tech report given.

HR – No specific HR report given.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) Student-Parent handbooks updated with a new emphasis on student behavior in which three high-level offenses will be met with probation.
- 2) Generous donation of three laptops.
- 3) New preschool leadership structure with Carol Meeuwse in an oversight role and Patty Edwards and Elizabeth Zapata running MVPC and LPPC respectively.
- 4) To ease Al Stever's taking on some of Sigrid Jones' HR responsibilities, Naomi Denny has been hired for data entry.
- 5) Exploring partnering with Valley Christian School as a feeder school to RCMS as Valley had to abruptly close its 7-9 grades.
- 6) Shuttle bus died recently, so we might have that as a fund-a-need at the Fall Auction.
- 7) Briefly discussed some of the changing leadership roles at KVE/RCMS/RCHS to relieve Bruce of juggling too many things and allowing him to focus more on his President role.
- 8) Fall Auction – November 12.
- 9) Substitute teacher pool is strong in general.
- 10) Bill Dipple and sons have taken on campus maintenance, which has been extremely helpful.
- 11) Solid support teams at each campus: Vicki, Brenda, and Kevin at RCMS/RCHS; Nadine, Von and Alan at KVE; Traci and Jessica at MVE; Kery, Al, Wes and Matthew at the RCS level.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) A question was asked about forming a group to go to Olympia to support a change on how people who send their kids to private schools can shift their tax dollars to support that cost. Bruce replied that Article 9 is a huge hill to climb as Washington state constitution is written that it (the state) is responsible for the education of all students.

General session closed at 7:00pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: October 25, 2022, 6:00pm – RCHS, Room 10/11.

We will also try to use Google Meets to provide an online/remote option.