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GENERAL MEETING- BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 28, 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, Darryl D'Ambrosio, Vicki Shultz, Al Stever, Jon Bach, Loren Button, Marcus Johnson, Brian Ward, Estefanie Laygo, Gayle May.
Board Members Absent: Dan Vander Pol (Treasurer).

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm with opening prayer by Julie Franzen.

Minutes Approval:

Approval of August 2021 General and Executive Minutes. Motion to approve: Mark Hargrove. Minutes approved as revised/submitted by unanimous vocal vote.
No other actions or approvals were conducted.

President's Report – Bruce Kelly and School Principals:

Opening remarks – Bruce Kelly opened the meeting by asking parents for their help in keeping the RCS schools open this year. If children are sick, please keep them home.

LPPC – Carol Meeuwse reported that they had a great first two weeks of school, then the school was hit with Covid and had to close (through October 5th). There is a lot of interest in the preschool and she is setting up tours for prospective families. She wants to close the gap in providing school lunches and hoping to rectify that soon.

MVPC – David Glass reported that the last two “whimsical” murals are being painted. He has received a flurry of resumes for his openings, with four potential hires for his extra positions. He has a potential Covid case, but has not yet had to shut down.

MVE – David reported that TVs are being installed to replace poor-functioning monitors. New bark chips have been delivered to the playground. MVE is still in need of a music teacher; David said he might have a lead on someone who might be able to help. The new basketball hoops are too heavy for the gym walls, so he is looking at what needs to be done structurally to strengthen the walls so they can be installed. SeaTac Electric ran new circuits into the new, improved maker space classroom.



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KVE – Don Garnand opened with a praise about a parent donating \$10,000 recently and a former staff member donating \$1,000; some of those funds went to replacing a hot water heater that died. Several different groups are using the KVE gym at night, which gives us a chance to share our school vision and mission with others. Don is looking to have KVE enter into a Lego competition. The school had a recent Covid-positive case, but did not need to close. Similar to MVE, KVE needs a music teacher. A former music teacher will help craft a Christmas program this year. A housing-challenged person has wandered onto the campus more than once; the Auburn Police Department has been notified.

RCMS – Dave Rehnberg reported Rachel Rodriguez would be the new English teacher, replacing Kali Barnes who resigned just prior to the school year. Having middle school students in chapels has made them more engaging. Dave reports that there is still outside interest in enrolling kids into RCMS. The students love having a lunch room.

RGHS – Dave reported that Friday pizza days have started again as a fundraiser for the seniors. Prayer TEAM is meeting Wednesdays, 8:30am, in the BDC Dining Hall and all are welcome to participate. Mrs. McKitrick, the new Biology teacher, had a health issue pop up and will be out for the whole first semester; the position has been re-posted. Dave needs a good pool of substitute teachers. Bruce Kelly added that BDC has rented us a new room – the coffee shop.

RCS-wide – Current enrollment end of September '21: 389. (Beginning of year, 8/31/21: 385.)

Athletics – Marcus Johnson reported that the golf tournament on 9/18/21 had great results, with roughly 40 volunteers and taking in roughly \$9300. Volleyball and soccer well into their seasons; the girls volleyball team is fun to watch and brings lots of energy, while the boys soccer team loves to compete and plays very tough and physical. Regarding the BDC gym, soon a forklift will remove the big containers so that the gym floor can be installed. Basketball could be a challenge this year, so pray for coaches.

Tech – Loren Button reported that all classrooms are functional. He is working to get the RCMS/RGHS phone system completely operational. He would like to get with Michael Ahlen for some advice/suggestions on new servers. He is fielding vendor quotes for new Chromebooks. KVE has experienced very short, periodic modem/internet outages and he's trying to find out what the problem is.

HR – no report.



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Finances – Al Stever reported August 21 net loss smaller than last year. PPP loan forgiveness is still sitting with the SBA office. Al has a permit in-hand for demolishing the structure at Little People.

Parent Gayle May asked for clarification as to why our financials look so poor. Al, Julie, Rick Rosenkranz and Bruce all replied that the main reason is that revenues and expenses are often out of synch depending on the time of year. Early in the FY cycle, revenues trail expenses and thus the financial picture looks worse than it is.

President's Items – Bruce Kelly reporting:

- 1) St. Clair Flo Foundation funds have been helpful in completing major projects at each campus.
- 2) Bruce is doing "learning walks" with the school principals and is instituting Proficient and Distinguished Teaching stipends to reward outstanding teaching.
- 3) On October 14, Bruce will hold an RCHS/President's Council with several RCHS students.
- 4) As reported in the school reports, there are several staffing needs.
- 5) Auction will be held November 15-19 (silent/online) and November 20 (live).
- 6) Last year was our healthiest on record. For example, zero cases of lice.
- 7) 35 acre parcel – nothing new to report.
- 8) Praise for BDC and their willingness to help us create a gym that can be used by RCMS/RCHS for league play.
- 9) Shout-out to Olan Garcia for taking care of many maintenance issues, the groundskeeping, and driving the morning shuttle bus.

Open discussion time with attendees:

- 1) None.

General session closed at 7:26pm with prayer by Bruce.

Next General Board Meeting: October 26, 2021, 6:00pm – location KVE (or via virtual).