

Resurrection Lutheran School Board
Open Session Minutes
December 7, 2023

Voting Board Members Present: Mackenzi Sottini, John Heilman, Chris Alladin, Larry Cameron, Fonda Ingram, John Leuenberger, Pat Smith, Bill Xenakis, Chris Johanson

Non-voting Board Member Present: Robin Hester

Absent: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Carey Reynik

Staff Present: Rosie Creasy, Deb Mahan

Presiding Officer Mackenzie Sottini opened the meeting at 6:30 pm and Larry Cameron led the opening prayer.

Admission and Marketing Rosie Creasy

91% of our families are re-enrolling. There's been a lot of interest in our school and several tours have been conducted as of late. Many students are coming from public schools looking for smaller class sizes.

A question was raised about 5th graders leaving our school. The answer was families leave to go to middle schools that have high schools as part of their campus.

Beginning in January, parents must have their 2024-2025 tuition contracts signed.

With the new website launching in January, the marketing focus for 2024 has 6 parts:

- **Academic Excellence-** including low teacher/student ratios (JK-2), a qualified/committed faculty and MS - Advanced Math classes, Spanish, Music/Band, NJHS, retreats.
- **STEM** (Collaboration, Innovation, Problem-solving, Critical thinking, Career Prep)
- **Safety**
- **JK/Kindergarten- Build the Base**
- **Develop Middle School**
- **Christian Family Focus (Community)**

A postcard has been created titled "Affording RLS". These will be distributed to church and community members.

Principal's Report Robin Hester

Basketball is moving along. Bill Xenakis encouraged everyone to attend a game, they're great fun and only \$3 for admission!

Several RLS Service Projects are happening in December including assembling small packages for Meals on Wheels.

Giving Tuesday raised \$550.

The Annual Fund is off to a good start, recently raising \$16,716 with a total of \$30,510 since the beginning of the school year. Several anonymous donations have been given. RLS is blessed to have such generous donors.

Everyone is invited to the RLS Christmas program on December 14. Music begins at 6:10.

Treasurer's Report Chris Alladin, Deb Mahan

The Opportunity Scholarship will present new challenges when determining financial aid this year.

Traditionally, tuition agreements are sent out at the beginning of January, financial aid would be applied for, the financial aid committee would meet, and financial assistance would be decided.

This year the Opportunity Scholarship website doesn't open until February 1, 2024. Parents on many tiered levels of income may apply. This will delay the school's ability to know the amount of additional money families need for financial aid, (until the amount of Opportunity Scholarship money is known in March or later).

Discussion followed, along with many questions that are not answerable at this time.

It was decided that for now, tuition payments will be the same as we've always done, 10% of tuition for 10 months, \$990 per month for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual tuition amounts can be adjusted as more financial information becomes available.

This month's budget has minor increases in tuition due to the addition of one new student. There will be additional IT costs due to compensating Brian Lee for his help with the website.

There are no new committee updates this month.

Presiding Officer Mackenzie Sottini adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Chris Johanson