

Resurrection Lutheran School Board
Open Session Minutes
January 18, 2024

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

Non-voting Board Members Present: Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Robin Hester, Carey Reynik

Staff Present: Rosie Creasy
Absent: Deb Mahan

Presiding Officer Mackenzie Sottini opened the meeting at 6:33 pm and Robin Hester led the opening prayer.

Principal's Report

The RLS basketball teams have just returned from conference games at Emmanuel Lutheran School in Asheville NC.

The new Visitor Management System is very efficient and is a good talking point for new/prospective families.

Pam Barnette will host a STEM Camp June 17th -20th. More information about the camp can be found in the Lion's Tale.

Admission and Marketing

Enrollment agreements are due February 9th.

Pastor Blanke is implementing "Welcome" meetings with new families.
It was suggested to send a copy of the "Lion's Tale" to new/prospective families.

Middle School will have a "Move Up" day for all 5th graders and interested students from the community next week. Amanda Farmer (MS math teacher) is hosting.

We're on track for increasing our K-2 student population and discussions have begun about increasing the size of 5th grade.

Brian Lee is checking to make sure there's no glitches with registration and re-enrollment before the new webpage is launched. Reference forms have been refined to include separate Math and LA forms for 5th graders as well as a principal's form.

Pam Barnette administers all the admittance testing for prospective students.

Some upcoming school highlights: RLS Temple Talks the weekend of March 10th, an all school Talent Show on March 15th, and the PSO Spring Fling Fundraiser at the Matthews House on April 5th.

Teacher Representative

The school has just finished its 2nd quarter and things are going well. Teachers are working on report cards.

Treasurer's Report

The budget reflects the enrollment of 179 students.

The benefits line item will be confirmed in February based on employee/family 2024 Annual Enrollment elections.

The Annual/Safety Fund has increased to over \$50,000 not including the \$20,000 in Endowment money. A suggestion was made that handwritten "Thank you" notes should be sent to contributors. It's important for all RLS families to contribute to the fund, even \$5, because % participation makes a difference when applying for grants.

Survey

Mackenzie distributed the mid-year parent survey questions to Board members earlier in the week. It was suggested to change question # 12 "My child is being served by the love of Jesus." for clarity reasons. It will now read "My child is experiencing the care and compassion inspired by the teachings of Jesus."

Suggestions were made to add the time it takes to complete the survey to the instruction information and add a place where parents may request to speak with the pastor or principal.

One Year Goals

Mackenzie reviewed the Board's one year goals formed in July '23. Many have already been met, others will be completed during the second semester.

The Math Curriculum Committee will meet in February and be composed of Board members, teachers from various grade levels and the principal. Important aspects; grade appropriate work and spiraling to review past lessons.

Pam Barnette will have more professional development opportunities in Spring.

Fonda suggested "streaming" the basketball games so many more people have a chance to see them.

*Presiding Officer Mackenzie Sottini adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Chris Johanson*