

RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2021
***Online meeting**

Voting Board Members: David Robison, Tim Farmer, Michelle Wood, Linda Cook, John Whatley, Bee Persson, Neil Porter

Unable to attend: Jacin Suskin

Non Voting Board Members: Tom Kolb, Chris Johanson, Pastor Blanke,

Staff: Rosie Creasy, Deb Mahan

Presiding Officer David Robison opened the meeting at 6:30 PM. Rosie led the opening prayer.

Principal's Report

Tom notified the Board that in person attendance at RLS is at a high mark for the school year. The Healthy Together plan protocol implemented by teachers, staff and families has proven to be effective in the midst of the Covid dynamics, but continued adherence is front of mind.

Tom and Rosie have met to discuss protocols and class size planning for next year- more details in the Admissions report to follow.

Pastor Blanke spoke on the status of PPP and suggested that with new RLC Council leadership it would be beneficial to ensure communication is open so that all may have an understanding of the past process and how to proceed going forward.

Carpool timing and the opening of doors at RLS has been much improved since making adjustments. Teachers have been appreciative of the extra few minutes to be prepared as the day starts.

Tom shared that 'letters of intent' have been sent out to faculty, no further details at this time.

Mr. Nagy has offered to lead Cross Country, and a brief discussion on this ensued. The Board is generally supportive of Sports opportunities for the fall, but more information is

needed for planning purposes. Tom will be following up on these items in the near future for Board input and approval.

Covid 19 vaccination programs are now taking place locally and nationwide. The Board is supportive of all who wish to participate to do so as soon as practicable.

Financial Assistance Committee:

Tim shared a big picture view of the FA Committee review for applicants this year, as well as important details that the Committee considered.

After a lengthy discussion led by Tim with input from Board members, a motion was made by Bee and seconded by Tom.

Motion:

RLS to allocate up to \$251,472, or 16% of expected gross tuition revenue towards the Financial Assistance budget for 2021/2011 fiscal year.

Vote: The motion carried and was approved.

Admissions and Marketing Report

Tuition agreements are being turned in and demand is definitely strong for the coming year at RLS.

Family engagement and retention continues to be a focus, with support from the PSO. The MALM grant application will be directed toward improvements of playground/outdoor recreation facilities as they are in need of maintenance and upgrades. The application will request a grant of \$50k.

The Board discussed modifications to the classroom spacing policy under the Healthy Together plan going forward in light of expectations for the coming Fall semester. The Board supports expansion of classes to the 16-18 student range. More details will be discussed in the next meeting to refine plans.

Treasurer's Report

Tim told the Board that overall, RLS is operating in very good fiscal shape. A minor note was made highlighting increased fees in the bank account related to credit card payments for tuition.

Tim also noted that phone contract cost sharing is being worked out with RLC, so some adjustments will be made accordingly.

Presiding officer David Robison adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Neil Porter