

RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes 11/20/20

***Online meeting**

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

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

Staff: Rosie Creasy

Unable to attend: Bee Persson

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

Treasurer's Report

Tim brought the board up to date on some budget highlights. The Childers Foundation has graciously released 30k for RLS. Some line item numbers discussed included computer expense for chromebooks and access point purchases. Celito is still working to deliver on upgrades- this has been ongoing.

Principal's Report

Tom discussed the current status of Covid as it relates to RLS. To the best of his knowledge, there have been no cases of community spread associated with persons at RLS. When someone in the RLS community has tested positive or had suspected symptoms, those affected individuals have followed proper protocols to prevent spread.

Staffing interaction, with respect to bubbles and teacher aide scheduling, has been a focus to ensure RLS minimizes risks.

Chris shared that she has met with teachers this week and heard a range of input on Thanksgiving Break travel by students and staff concerning Covid risk. After much discussion by the Board, it was agreed that Tom will be communicating with staff, teachers and parents(via email) concerning updated CDC recommendations for Thanksgiving travel.

Chris also relayed that teachers are thankful for the new chromebooks received recently.

Admissions Report

Rosie shared the current status of students; notably one child is joining the 4th grade, bringing the class to fourteen students as of this time.

Eighty students have indicated already that they will be re-enrolling next year, and the 1st grade could be as many as eighteen students. More planning will be in the offing for next year's logistics. Student fees are due by 12/11/20 for returning students.

Rosie praised the PSO leadership and involvement by parents and families. Committed individuals within the PSO have been fantastic in working to support and engage the RLS community.

Board Policy Discussion

This item has been moved to the Closed Session of the Board meeting.

Message from Dave

Dave touched briefly on the 'family email outreach' initiative. Contact information will be split up and shared amongst board members to make individual contacts.

Presiding officer David Robison adjourned the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Neil Porter