

Resurrection Lutheran School Board Meeting Minutes
Open Session October 20, 2020
***Meeting held Online**

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

Non Voting Board Members: Tom Kolb, Chris Johanson

Staff: Rosie Creasy

Guest: Deb Mahan

Unable to attend: Neil Porter, Jacin Suskin

Presiding Officer David Robison opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. Chris Johanson led the opening prayer.

David reviewed the remaining 2020-2021 School Board Meeting Dates. They are:

November 19

December 15 ***This was changed from Thursday 12/17 to Tuesday 12/15 to accommodate school wrap up prior to Christmas break.** January 21

February 18

March 18

April 15

May 20

June 17

Principal's Report

Tom shared an update on our healthy together plan. To date we have had no known cases of Covid spread in our school. Our protocols have been extremely effective and our staff has worked tirelessly to implement these measures.

We are approaching the end of 1st quarter which is our 2nd transition time for families wanting to change their status from virtual to in-person learning or vice versa for the next session. Given our current hybrid class learning set-up, every week enhances our confidence that if we had to go 100% virtual we would be ready.

Chris Johanson gave a teacher update. She is thrilled that one of her virtual students will be coming to the classroom for in-person learning for this next session. She feels parents are realizing that they just can't teach everything in JK-2 virtually.

Fall Break was very timely for the refreshment of both teachers and students. She asked for continued prayers as they finish this 1st quarter and conduct parent conferences.

Tom continued with the news that additional computers that have been on order should be coming tomorrow (10/21).

The first Cultural Arts event will take place this week. The event will be held outside and details have been planned such that we feel it can be done well and safely. The PSO is also planning an outdoor drive-in movie night for elementary students and families.

Tom asked for discussion on the consideration of beginning school sports practices and participation in games. After much discussion and sharing of information, our conclusion was that at this time school sports activities are not endorsed by our Healthy Together plan. Since we have approached everything concerning RLS very conservatively to this point, we did not wish to veer from this plan.

Tom announced our early elementary aide position has been permanently filled.

Admissions Report

Rosie reports that for the upcoming 3rd session of classes, there are currently 149 students for in-person learning and 12 for virtual.

October is normally a month for giving tours to prospective families. Even though we can't do that right now, she has 28-30 people on a waiting list that may want to attend next year. Rosie will check with Pastor Jonathan about the possibility of doing any night or weekend tours.

Alumna Anna Porter is working with Rosie to film and create a video for our website - "A Day in the Life of JK-2".

As we plan for next year the Board will need to consider class size, number of K classes, number/size of 1st grade (given 2 K's this year). Chris is agreeable to a larger class size, but concerned about space in the classroom if we are still under Covid restrictions next year. Rosie likes the idea of growing the school from the bottom up into the other grades. There are potentially 2 additional rooms that we may be able to consider for expansion in our building. These are items that will all need to be further

discussed. For the time being, Rosie will contact JK & K parents to gauge their intention for returning so we can begin to make a plan.

Rosie has had two inquiries for possible January start dates for new middle school students. With a brief discussion, it was decided that staff & teachers need to voice if it makes sense to add students in the middle of the year and when it is best to do that.

Rosie reviewed our 2021 -2022 admissions timeline. With letters scheduled to go out to currently enrolled families November 23 and Letters of Intent due on December 14, Deb offered to set up an electronic letter of intent with an on-line option to pay the enrollment fee with a credit card.

Treasurer's Report

Given other topics on the agenda that may require extra time for discussion, Tim offered the following comments in an email with his submitted financials.

So far, we're still looking really good compared to budget.

We received word last week that we'll receive a grant from the Childers Foundation. We expect to see that show up within the next few weeks.

We're favorable to last year from a revenue standpoint and slightly higher on expenses. We're still seeing a few expense categories with larger than typical expenses related to COVID. Most notably in Building/Facilities, Staff Development and Classroom supplies. That said, we intentionally increased our budget in those areas in anticipation that this would happen.

Overall, things look to be in good shape and Tim has no concerns.

Tim asked for any questions during our meeting on the previously submitted documents. There were none.

Tuition 2021-2022

Current Tuition Structure and Rates - RLC Member \$7950 and non member \$8450. During discussions for setting next year's tuition rates, considerations were given to two different structure changes: same tuition for all students or implementing an elementary rate and a middle school rate. Much thought, exploration and discussion ensued

resulting in the following motion.

Tom moved to raise the RLC member rate to equal that of the current nonmember rate of \$8450. Tim seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously passed.

The 2021-2022 tuition rate will be \$8450 for all students.

Board Policy Manual discussion was pushed to next month's agenda as Neil was not able to be present to report and lead discussion.

Presiding Officer David Robison adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Michelle Wood