

## **RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**May 20, 2021**

**\*Online meeting**

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

Note: David noted that [Jacin Suskin](#) has resigned due to changing membership to a new church.

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

**Staff:** Rosie Creasy

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

### **Principal's Report**

While Covid infection rates statewide are showing a dramatic downward shift as vaccination rates increase, Tom assured the Board that RLS will continue to follow the Healthy Together plan. Elementary age students are not yet eligible for vaccination. Some relaxation of masking requirements for certain outdoor activities will be acceptable.

Pastor Blanke also spoke on the current attendance protocols for RLC, noting that the Signup Genius is still being used, with a 100 person attendance cap. However, there has never been a problem with having to turn away those interested in attending in person.

Tom noted that graduation in person will be under the 100 person limit, so this will not impact the 8th grade graduation. Last day of school chapel will be an outdoor event.

Coach Carter is planning to hold a basketball camp over Summer break for girls, and perhaps a boys camp depending on the response. This will be for RLS students only.

After school care planning needs to be fully evaluated and carefully planned. Perhaps there will need to be two bubbles; there are many details requiring consideration as well as gauging interest. Tom, Rosie and Barb will survey parents.

The PPP loan for RLC/RLS has been processed and officially forgiven. An additional 10k will be allocated to RLS.

Standardized testing for students has been completed and the Math EOC testing will be completed next week.

There will be no officially sanctioned RLS field day this year due to Covid protocols, but class picnics with families and students will be held in a socially distanced manner.

Tom shared he will be reaching out to teachers for interest in being a representative to the Board.

### **Admissions and Marketing Report**

Rosie confirmed that RLS has a 175 student count for the next school year, with perhaps a few more students to be added. JK is still under enrolled at this time. School tours will start during the second week of June.

The fundraising campaign for the playground improvement project has been very successful. With a 25k goal, the committee has just 2k more to secure. The grant request from MALIM for the playground project is in process and we expect to get a response any day.

Rosie and Tom led a discussion on first grade and second grade student count dynamics going forward. This has to be a focus to ensure we meet the needs of students while considering capacity and resource limitations at RLS.

### **Treasurer's Report/Budget**

Tim noted a favorable status on the budget as RLS is ahead on revenues, while there has been some savings on expenses. The PPP loan has been forgiven.

Strong interest in enrollment for the coming year has given Tim confidence in budgetary projections. The Staff and Benefit expense is still a variable as always. The budget will be presented for approval at the meeting next month.

Presiding officer David Robison adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Neil Porter*