

**RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**December 9, 2021**  
**\*In Person Meeting at RLS**

**Voting Board Members Present:** David Robison, Tim Farmer, Michelle Wood, Neil Porter, Bee Persson, Bill Xenakis, Chris Johanson, Mackenzie Sottini.  
Absent: Tom Farr

**Non Voting Board Members Present:** Bob Unger.

**Staff Present:** Deb Mahan, Robin Hester.

Absent: Pam Daniels, Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Rosie Creasy.

Presiding Officer David Robison opened the meeting at 6:31pm and led the opening prayer.

**Principal's Report:**

Bob updated the board on recent Healthy Together events with the good news that RLS has been able to continue in person classes because we have been wearing masks at school and our families have been following all the correct protocols when a Covid exposure or infection has occurred.

Our "Heart of a Lion" giving campaign went fabulous. We had raised over \$14,000 as of Giving Tuesday. Class 1A won an ice cream party for their 1<sup>st</sup> place fundraising efforts among grades. The Annual Fund appeal letter went out to the church congregation today.

Speech Screenings by Little Bean will be offered to JK – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students the first week of January. Parents wanting their child to participate will submit permission slips and the screening results will be sent directly to parents.

Tom Kolb will be presenting "Not Even One" to RLS staff in January. This is a new initiative from LCMS and MinistrySafe to protect children and those that serve them.

The playground is open and being greatly enjoyed. The formal playground dedication/blessing will happen at a later date.

### **Admissions & Marketing Report:**

Our current re-enrollment per letters of intent stands at 86% right now.

Bob and Rosie will present the board with a recommended class plan for 2022-2023 at our January meeting.

### **Treasurer Report:**

The only item of note this month is that the final payment for the new playground came out of the Building Repairs, Facility Costs expense budget line item.

### **Principal Call Committee**

The committee met Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Six individuals have been identified to invite for remote interviews. Pastor Jonathan will first contact these individuals to determine their openness to a Call. David Robison will put information in The Lion's Tale to thoroughly explain a Call process, that the committee is working on behalf of the congregation and identify where we are in that process.

### **Mid-Year Survey**

Results of the mid-year survey were discussed. Areas of concern were identified and there was discussion of ideas to consider. Bob will share pertinent items at the January staff meeting.

### **Masks**

After discussion, it was decided that nothing will change at this time in our masking requirements. In January we will discuss the Healthy Together Plan and if there is anything that can begin to be modified. Our goal remains to keep staff, students, and their families healthy while providing a safe, in person school experience.

*Presiding Officer, David Robison adjourned the meeting at 8:56pm.*

*Minutes submitted by Secretary Michelle Wood*