

RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2022 6:30pm
In Person Meeting at RLS also with a *Go to Meeting Link

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

*Present via Go to Meeting: Neil Porter

Non Voting Board Members Present: Bob Unger, Pam Barnette, Pastor Jonathan Blanke.

Staff Present: Rosie Creasy, Deb Mahan, Robin Hester.

Guests: Christina Blaszczyk, parent in person
*Dan Mitchell, parent via Go to Meeting

Presiding Officer David Robison opened the meeting at 6:36pm and Bee Persson led the opening prayer. *The meeting link was available to accommodate parent requests to speak at the meeting.

Public Comment

Dan Mitchell – Spoke to encourage our board to make masks optional at RLS. Dan then left the meeting.

Christie Blaszczyk – She attended the meeting and had not planned to speak, but asked to offer a counter view. She credits the Healthy Together Plan in enabling our school to operate in-person and her children to have in-person instruction after 1 ½ years of virtual instruction in public school.

Healthy Together Protocol Review

The details of Governor Cooper's news conference today were discussed. His end message being that he is encouraging schools to end any mask mandates by March 7, 2022. That was the starting point for our discussion regarding changing/updating our Healthy Together Plan.

Bob presented some proposed plan changes created with staff input and discussion at a prior staff meeting. It was agreed that in order to implement changes (masking, health protocols, etc.), would require a bit of time to sort through details of the impact in our school and Healthy Together Plan.

This discussion was continued in Closed Session where a vote was taken:

David Robison withdrew his prior motion that had been tabled so we could move forward with a new motion.

MOTION: Bee Persson moved that effective March 7, 2022, masks at RLS will become recommended, not required. The task of revising our Healthy Together Plan will be delegated to the RLS administration staff.

Tom Farr seconded the motion.

VOTE: The Motion Passed. Effective March 7, 2022, masks at RLS will become recommended, not required.

Treasurer Report

School Family Referral credits have been paid. All looks good with the budget; nothing unexpected has come up. Any of the larger expenditures as compared to last year at this time have a note beside those line items with explanations.

Principal's Report

Classroom Plan for 2022

Too early to develop a definitive plan for room/space usage but did meet with Garrett on this topic.

Plans are based on current numbers.

Plan for Junior Kindergarten will be dependent on enrollment.

Lutheran Schools Week

(SED) Mar 6-13

See Lion's Tale for schedule

Temple Talk – March 12/13 at all Worship Services

RLS Choir & Chorus Singing for 11:00 am Worship at RLC Family Life Center (gym)

Miscellaneous

Sanctity of Life – RLC supportive, generous response to the baby bottle fundraiser

Junior National Honor Society volunteered to count all the donations from the baby bottles.

Important upcoming dates:

Feb 18 – Early Release

Feb 20 – Presidents Day holiday

Feb 23 – Mid Terms (3-8)

Admissions & Marketing Report

We have 71 contracts received, 30 current contracts outstanding and 61 others in various stages of processing. On June 1st our student numbers should be solidified. The Admissions team is currently meeting every Wednesday morning.

2022-2023 MARKETING

Rosie is enjoying her NC State Digital Marketing Bootcamp Class -M/W 6-9 pm (February 14-March 14)

She will do some target advertising for JK & K classes. Kindergarten Visits/Assessments are scheduled for February 23 @ 9:30-10:30 am.

MISC

- National Lutheran Schools Week (March 6-12) "All Creatures Great and Small"
- Service Project-Saving Grace (Dog Rescue)
- Cultural Arts Program-"Dan the Animal Man"-3/15
- All School Chapel featuring RLS Choir-3/13 (RLC 11:00 am service)
- "Drop In for Donuts" -3/9 (Hospitality for parent/child before school)
- Stream Chapel service for parents. (Wed., 3/9)

Principal Call Committee

Mackenzie is now chairing this committee. They have assembled a list of 15 questions for candidates that will be supplemented with other questions from Pastor Jonathan. We have 3 candidates that have agreed to Zoom interviews. The goal is for these to happen in the next couple of weeks.

Presiding Officer, David Robison adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Michelle Wood