

**RLS Board Open Session Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2022 6:30pm  
In Person Meeting at RLS**

**Voting Board Members Present:** Mackenzie Sottini, John Leuenberger, Fonda Ingram, David Miller, Michelle Wood, John Heilman

**Absent:** Chris Johanson, Neil Porter, Bill Xenakis

**Non-Voting Board Members Present:** Bob Unger, Pastor Jonathan Blanke, Carey Reynik

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

Presiding Officer Mackenzie Sottini opened the meeting at 6:36pm and Fonda Ingram led the opening prayer.

**Principal's Report**

Bob Unger presented the proposed 2023 – 2024 Academic Calendar which includes 180 instructional days. Should situations/events occur that require canceling school, adjustments will be made to the calendar that are appropriate per each situation/event.

**MOTION:** John Leuenberger moved to approve the proposed 2023 – 2024 Academic Calendar.

Fonda Ingram seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed. The proposed 2023 – 2024 Academic Calendar is approved.

**Admission and Marketing Report**

Resurrection Lutheran Church holiday service projects are being shared with RLS families. They are invited to participate but should not feel obligated to do so.

We held a successful Shadow Day in the kindergarten class with 9 submitted applications. Rosie Creasy is optimistic in the 'build from the base' strategy and the potential of a second kindergarten class next year. She is planning another kindergarten shadow day in January.

Rosie will be doing a similar event on January 18 for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to shadow middle school.

We are adding a new student in the JK class with a potential of one more before the end of the year (Dec).

RLS, RLP and RLC are collaborating to develop a unified message regarding difficult issues that will allow us to share our beliefs in a consistent manner across all Resurrection entities.

Deb Mahan reported that the Annual Fund Drive was kicked off on November 9. The students are completing calendars of thanks that they can turn in on November 29 for a small treat. Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is Giving Tuesday. RLS has been offered a \$10,000 match challenge by an anonymous donor. If we raise \$10,000 between November 9-29, a \$10,000 match donation will be made to our Annual Fund. We have currently raised \$8800.

Robin Hester reported the Lutheran Schools Tournament (basketball) will be held at RLS on January 13 – 15, 2023. They are currently working on tournament details such as concessions, game officials, single game tickets and weekend passes.

### **Teacher Rep News**

Carey Reynik shared that only one teacher has not heard from a prayer partner. She will pass this information on to Bill Xenakis.

### **Principal Call Update**

Mackenzie shared that we have three potential candidates. Two are available for a preliminary visit to RLS prior to a call being made. Heather Lowling is scheduled to visit on November 28-29. Mackenzie shared a tentative schedule for the visit and asked if any other board members are available and would like to meet Heather, to contact Mackenzie.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Budget numbers have been updated and questions were answered via email prior to the meeting. There were no other questions.

### **3 Point Emphasis at RLC**

Pastor Jonathan Blanke shared a three-point focus for the church this next year and beyond that has been approved by the church council.

- Support our schools – RLP & RLS
- Serve alongside our community
- Engaging the nations overseas

Think about these 3 areas as you begin anything and how they can be integrated. We want to bring the message of Jesus Christ and the Gospel to people through things like prayer, building friendships and overlapping school and church activities.

### **2023 – 2024 Tuition Discussion**

Our October appointed committee submitted a proposal for 2023 – 2024 tuition prior to the meeting by email. Discussion took place until all questions were answered. Tuition will be voted on in closed session.

RLS Letters of Intent are scheduled to go out to currently enrolled families tomorrow. Bob will write a letter to announce next year's tuition to go along with this document.

## **Summer School Program**

John Heilman suggested offering a Summer School Program at RLS open to all students in the area providing Math and Reading classes. These are the top areas indicated in news reports that students are behind in. This idea was discussed, and questions were asked. It was decided to survey our teachers and substitute teachers to gauge interest in doing this.

## **Committee Updates**

The Professional Development Committee presented 5 opportunities for teacher and staff development in various programs offered from November 2022 – March 2023.

**MOTION:** John Leuenberger moved to approve \$2050 to cover costs pertaining to 5 upcoming professional development programs November 2022 – March 2023.

John Heilman seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion passed. \$2050 has been approved for presently identified professional development programs.

*Presiding Officer, Mackenzie Sottini adjourned the meeting at 7:48pm.*

*Minutes submitted by Secretary, Michelle Wood*