

RLCS School Board Meeting August 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairperson Jean Blank.

Willena Hughes opened with prayer.

Introductions were made. We had many new board members present for this meeting. Board members and other attendees included: Donna Vestal, Willena Hughes, Shanda Abney, Alene Padgett, Kasia D'Auria, Sarah Andersen, Cody Azzi, Marci Buys, Pam Storm, Kathy Hand, Karyn McChrystal, Rebecca Painter, Jean Blank, Interim Chair, Susan Buys, Andy Gauthier, Sandy Casey, Interim Secretary.

Approval of July 23, 2024 Minutes. Willena moved, and Jean seconded to approve the minutes with one spelling correction. Motion carried.

Jean spoke to everyone present about the importance of confidentiality and not discussing presumed determinations based on discussions. Determination of actions determined by the Board will be in the minutes that are posted on the school website.

Chairperson Jean discussed that she is serving as the interim Chairperson and will be ending her commitment and term on the Board in November, 2024. Sandy is also serving as Interim Secretary and both are asking new members to consider serving in both of those positions.

Financial Assistance Committee and Finance Committee representatives from the school board will be needed with Jean's resignation. Jean asked new members to consider where they would like to serve.

The Principal's Report was presented in print. Enrollment Report: 158 k-8 enrolled currently. 77 in preschool.

Finance Report: The Budget was approved at the Congregational Meeting. Kathy Hand, our bookkeeper, presented her budget report and reported on Step Up State Scholarships.

School Survey: Parent Pulse was purchased and a targeted survey was disseminated to parents. We received 91 responses. The Drip Surveys will begin in the first month of school. It was suggested that a cover letter be put in Karyn's report so everyone knows the Drip Survey is random and not selectively sent to parents.

It was requested that names of new Board members be communicated to parents and that that news be disseminated by the Facebook page and the Bulletin Board . A group photo was taken. It will be posted on the PTO Facebook site. Karyn will approve the verbaige. Also, importantly, how to communicate using the chain of command that first starts with talking with the teacher.

We need to generate feedback/results on the School Survey to the parents and staff.

A School Advisory Committee is something the Board has wanted to begin for the past 6 months. Board members interested in planning the who, how, when, and why a School Advisory Committee could form a committee to generate a structure of how many and what representatives

should be elected to form a school advisory committee. Shanda Abney, Sarah Andersen and Alene Padgett volunteered to get this committee started. It was also recommended that Robert Beach be asked to be on that planning committee. SAC should be continued as a monthly agenda item.

The preliminary budget to calculate tuition needs to be determined by November, so we should all be thinking of those priorities. Andy informed everyone the school is running in the red for this school year, and being supported by the church. Consider ways we could save money as well as needs.

Preschool employment opening exists for after care from 3-5:30. See Preschool Director, Rebecca Painter.

Next meeting is September 10, 2024 with Jennifer Tanner, Executive Director of Schools and Youth Ministry for the FI-GA District presenting for the 1st hour.

Training meeting with Donna is August 27 at 5:30 pm in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Casey