

Redeemer Lutheran Board of Christian Day School Education  
9-26-2023

General Board Meeting

Voting Attendees - Deb Braley, Jean Blank, Sandy Casey, Angel Callewaert

Non-Voting Attendees - Karyn McChrystal, Kathy Hand, Rebecca Painter, Russ Reaver, Crislyn Grubb, Ricky Mercado, Madison Swanson, Pastor Ted

Meeting opened in prayer by Russ Reaver.

Introductions were made by all in attendance. Madison Swanson is attending for the first time in her role as PTO Co-chair, Ricky Mercado RLS Athletic Director is attending for a special request.

The minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Angel motioned and Sandy seconded that we approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Auction Update - Madison reported on behalf of the Auction Chairs. A date, theme and location have been approved. The auction will be held on Feb 10th, hosted at the home of Tiffany and Mark Mittal in Sewell's Point, and the theme will be Bollywood Nights. Sarah Anderson asked if we have any recommendations for "Day Of" insurance for the auction. Angel has provided information on what insurance we need. Deb and Karyn recommended that Sarah reach out to Chrissy regarding which company we currently use for our other insurance needs. The Save the Date flier will be sent out in the next couple weeks.

PTO Update - Madison reported. In September there was a well attended PTO meeting. The Parent Mixer was the event for the month, sponsored by the Shannon Anderson group. They had a collection jar for the SRO officer and raised \$500.00. PTO is attempting to provide opportunities to include as many different parents as possible in their events. They are creating guidelines for each event. These guidelines will outline event planning including a general budget for each event. Tiffany Mittal has volunteered to be the Volunteer Coordinator. The treasurer position is open due to the previous treasurer stepping down. Next month's events are the evening PTO meeting, scheduled on October 4th at 6:00 pm so working parents can attend. Trunk or Treat is the October event. It is being held Oct 22nd at the FairGrounds. PTO continues to fill the drink station for the teachers.

SRO Fundraisers - Parents are looking into a 5K Ram Run in partnership with Fleet Feet in November. They are checking with restaurants who may do a Ram Night and donate some of their proceeds to Redeemer. Madison reports that our SRO, Officer Grose, has been a blessing to the school. The students really like him. He has been a great role model and a great

presence in the school. Madison encourages any communication to the PTO by teachers or SB members regarding needs or ideas.

Teacher Report - Crislyn reported. Crislyn referenced the report submitted in the Shared Drive.

1. The teachers are concerned about the open middle school teacher position. They would like to have a contingency plan if the current plan doesn't work out.
2. The middle school teachers would like to request two additional planning days per quarter. The middle school teachers have taken on new classes and new curriculum, including Math and Friendly. Additionally, they are writing their own religion curriculum. This will be discussed in personnel. The teachers are in favor of the plan Karyn has presented for middle school teacher support. They appreciate the work Karyn has done to help them to date.
3. Cristina asked about science funds. She would like there to be dedicated funds for science lab materials. Deb asked how much money is needed for the science labs. Crislyn stated Cristina has been asked to create a list of costs. Angel will reach out to Cristina to get the number for the projected costs.
4. Technology Funds - The teachers asked for clarification on the use of Curriculum and Technology budgeted funds, and what items should be covered by classroom funds. The board will look into this to confirm how the expenditures match up to the categories in the budget. Karyn, Donna and Chrissy are putting together a technology needs plan. Deb requested that Chrissy and Donna come to the next board meeting to present the details of how funds are currently spent by category and to review the plan going forward.
5. Registration Fees - The teachers would like to see a breakdown of the registration fees. Deb shared that the board is currently in the process of itemizing everything included in the registration fee so that we can determine what the registration fee needs to be going forward.
6. The teachers asked when the latest school board minutes will be posted to the website. Jean will review the minutes to determine if there are any minutes from the general school board meetings that have been approved by the board but not yet submitted to Donna for posting.
7. Jennifer asked about a social media application to help manage the social media we use for marketing. The fee is around \$400.00. Deb asks for more information from Jennifer and Donna on this topic, and requests that Jennifer share it in the teacher share document for next month's meeting.

Personnel

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Addendum: On 9-27-2023 an email vote was taken to approve the corrected minutes from the July 25, 2023 General Board Meeting. The minutes were approved.