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EXCELLENCE BY NURTURING MIND, BODY AND SOUL.*

ACSS ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: APRIL 8, 2020

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Additional information:

TIM WEISZ:

- So much has happened since the last Board meeting. The following has taken place due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - 8 hourly employees have been placed on furlough starting April 2. We paid these employees their normal wages through April 1.
 - Continuing to work regular hours are: custodial staff, Central Office staff and technology department.
 - Laurie, Dona and Caroline have been working on a limited basis.
 - The custodial staff is tackling some projects that normally are handled during the summer months.
 - All three buildings were fumigated last week
 - E-learning started March 23. We missed three days due to the Coronavirus
- All events/activities in April have been canceled or postponed.
- All events/activities in May are in question. We are currently deliberating possible options for Graduation. Nothing has been decided yet.
- I will be forever grateful for the efforts of the Roncalli family during this challenging time. Everyone has stepped up to the challenge. God Bless our students, parents, and school staff. Keep praying!!!!

ELIZABETH GORSKI:

- Submissions of PK registrations continue as well as registration for summer Patch. We are working on a sun safety grant through the Department of Health to help provide essentials for our students this summer.
- Kindergarten registration has slowed down, and we are not able to run the marketing events the way we had wanted, so we are rethinking those efforts. Thank goodness for social media!

- We had a handful of applicants for the new OST/PK Teacher position and have selected an excellent candidate for this role. Once we have approval, we will get her a contract once they go out to staff for 2020-21.
- Thank you to Craig for his deep cleaning, thank you to Tom for fogging our buildings to bring us peace of mind for when we do go back to school, thank you to the whole custodial team for taking advantage of this time to wax the floors in RPS this week.
- The staff in our entire organization have astounded me with their resiliency and grit as they shift their entire practice to a format that is far from its intended design. Together, we are rethinking every detail; teachers have created a brand new learning environment in days and have improved and renewed partnerships with parents and families and each other. With all the disruption and chaos in our lives, we are forced to break old habits and are breathing new life into our practices; the path to greatness is not without challenges!
- We continue to have much to be thankful for in our organization. Gratitude and thanksgiving are incredible ways to assuage anxiety and uncertainty, so say your prayers!

PEGGY FREIDEL:

- I hope this finds everyone doing well and staying healthy. Roncalli Elementary has taken on our “new normal” without too many flaws. The teachers are providing students with work that is either online, or paper pencil. We have been trying hard to make sure that all students have access to any technology that may be needed. I have had no negative feedback from parent or teacher. We are all working together to provide the best learning opportunity to our students.
- Mondays are our “pick up and drop off” days. The process seems to be going well. This week we did a drive by pick up at RHS. I am hoping this will continue to work as our bldgs. are getting cleaned, and disinfected.
- My meeting platform with my staff has been through ZOOM. This platform seems to work the best as you can monitor the attendees quite well. The teachers are doing amazing and working hard helping each other. I know they would all rather be in the classroom, as this ‘new normal’ is not normal for teachers at all!
- The students have been responding well to the work they have been assigned. They can communicate with their teachers quite effectively as the teachers have created “office hours” indicating when they will be online to help with any questions a student may have. At this time ALL RES students have responded back to their teacher except for one who is out of town with grandparents. Attendance is based on days in contact with online work or contact with the teacher regarding paper pencil assignments. I have asked my teachers to brainstorm some ideas for the “special events” we have in our bldgs. and how we can make them up when the time comes.
- We will continue to do our best and continue to be available for all students. We know that God is a mighty God and will see us through this. We will all be together soon! God Bless each of you, stay safe and healthy!

PAULA FLOREY:

- Our teachers are navigating the online learning world. It has been a bit overwhelming for both the teachers and students, but I feel we are going in the right direction. I commend our teachers for learning a new way to teach and to move outside of their comfort zone. For the most part, our students have done an awesome job as well. We understand that this is not an ideal way of learning for them also.
- I held subject level meetings on April 1st and 2nd. We talked about not covering the same amount of material online as you would in the classroom; but making sure you are covering the most important topics/standards. I asked them to think ahead and what does May look like if we cannot come back to school. I encouraged them to talk within their department about covering what is needed for the next level, i.e. what do the 7th grade life science students need to know to prepare them for biology, what does physical science students need to know to go into chemistry.
- NHS application packets went out to juniors who had a 3.5 GPA and to sophomores who had a 3.90 GPA or higher. Mrs. Griffin and I discussed inviting sophomores so that we would not always be starting over with a brand-new group each year. This way there is some continuity from year to year. The application process was changed a bit as well. Instead of a teacher rating form we asked for 2 letters of recommendation. One from a teacher and another from a coach/community member/employer. The letters should explain how the student exemplifies leadership, service or character. It is important for our students and parents to understand that grades are only one part of the application. If a student can't show they exhibit the other 3 qualities, they should not be admitted.
- We are having current 7th and 6th graders turn in their registration sheets and I am working on making a schedule for next year. We are going to be moving a few teacher rooms so that the majority of the JH classes will take place in one hallway.
- Dinner/Dance was cancelled. We will start brainstorming on how we want to do Awards Day, Graduation/ Mass if we can't come back to school in May. We will also have to look at how to collect books, Chromebooks and materials they have at their homes.

RICK KLINE: DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING DIRECTOR

- To date the Cavalier Campaign has generated \$65,903.50 and our final contact will happen in mid-April.
- This year's ball theme is "20/20 A Vision for our Future." The date has been rescheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020 and will be held at the DEC. Please stay tuned for further announcements.
- We are continuing to sell locker plates. We have seven left to sell to complete the project.

- If you or anyone you know wishes to nominate someone for the 2020 Hall of fame, we are currently accepting nominations. Please go to the Roncalli web site or personally contact the development office. The Hall of Fame date has been set for Saturday, September 26, 2020.
- The Cavalier Golf Classic will be held Saturday, September 19, 2020 @ Lee Park.
- June 25, 2020 has been selected as the date for the Cavalier Blast.

TERRY DOSCH/MARK STONE: SPORTS SCHEDULES- NORTHEASTSDCONFERENCE.COM

- Due to the restrictions of COVID-19 and the importance of protecting each other through social distancing, all is quiet at the moment for Roncalli activities.
- Per our school policy and the direction of the SDHSAA, there is no practice or competition for any school activities until school resumes.
- In a recent video conference with the SDHSAA, we learned there are tentative plans to hold spring activities such as track and field, girls golf and boys tennis and even state basketball tournaments if school resumes on Monday, May 4th. For now, they are considered postponed. Of course, if school does not resume on May 4th, those activities would be canceled.
- The SDHSAA will meet in late April to determine appropriate plans.
- For the annual spring meeting, Activities Directors from the Northeast Conference met in a video conference to discuss events of the current school year and make plans for next year.
- Since the last school board meeting and before school was dismissed, here's a few things happening with activities:
 - the spring play cast and directors were working hard to prepare for their performance
 - the track and field teams had 2 weeks of practice with about 85 total participants and
 - indoor meets at NSU were canceled for March
 - the boys tennis team would have started practice on March 16 and the girls golf team would have started practice on March 30
 - the Music in our Schools event on March 23rd had been postponed
 - Nationals this summer for our 2nd Season Oral Interpers has been canceled
- If school resumes on Monday, May 4th, here are some activities during the first couple weeks of May, assuming they are not postponed or rescheduled:
 - 5/6 - High School awards program
 - 5/7 - K-6 Spring Concert & High School Pops Concert combine with a 6:30 start
 - Possible date for the spring play performance
- Of course, all activities, dates, events and limitations will be determined by the CDC, government officials and the SDHSAA. At this point, all activities are pending.

