



Superintendent's Report

May 21, 2007

Dear Board Members,

I trust you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather as much as my family and I are. Having now watched 20 or more of Austin's JV baseball games, including double headers scheduled every Saturday for the past month, I am ready for the opportunity to spend time outdoors at home "catching up" on what has been left undone!

This month's board packet is a bit smaller than most. As we wrap up the year, things begin to wind down and much of the board's work has been completed. We will spend some time reviewing what we've accomplished and what is in store for 2007-08.

Remember that our May meeting has been changed to 5:00 p.m. We will meet at Grand Rapids Christian Middle School in the multipurpose room. Enter the building on Griggs and turn left. There will be signs directing your way.

Until then, have a great week.

MONTHLY UPDATE

Positioning for Growth

Strategic Marketing

Our Strategic Planning Retreat has been confirmed for June 5 and 6, 2007. It will be held at the Prince Conference Center at Calvin College. Jane Eaves, of Gonser Gerber, will facilitate the two-day retreat; all Board of Trustees members are invited to attend.

Approximately 50 people representing a broad range of our school community will participate in this retreat. Representative groups include:

- Board of Trustees
- GRCS Central Administrative Staff
- Administrative Council
- District Boards, including representatives from Ada and West Side Christian Schools
- Calvin College
- Area Pastors
- Community Members

A packet will be mailed to all participants during the week of May 21. I am looking forward to this wonderful opportunity.

Enrollment

As of May 14, 2007, we have enrolled 1700 students, K-12. This represents 71% of our projected enrollment and is similar to our past experience at this time of year. A number of our supporting churches have not yet submitted their church enrollments, which will raise the enrollment substantially.

A summary of current enrollment is attached for your reference.

Ensuring Stabilization

New 2 You – The New 2 You Shoppe celebrated reaching \$1 million in sales on May 15, 2007! The Shoppe has had a very successful year and sales continue to increase. The Shoppe's Board voted to move forward with raising \$250,000 to construct additional floor space. It currently has received approximately \$100,000 in pledges for this project and hopes to have received \$200,000 by late summer.

Other

Academically Excellent

Staffing Update– Several vacancies have been posted and interview committees have been formed to fill those positions. These are either new positions or have been created due to retirements or resignations. All vacancies are included in the budget.

The positions include:

Professional Staff

- Middle School Band Teacher
- 2nd grade at Creston
- Preschool at Creston/Evergreen
- 3rd grade at Millbrook
- 6th grade at GRCMS

Support Staff

- Custodian at GRCMS & GRCS
- ESS aide at GRCMS (2)
- Elementary Technology Coordinator
- ESS tutor at GRCHS
- Teacher Assistant at GRCHS
- ESS aide at Creston

Looking Ahead

May

- 15 New 2 You Million\$ Sales Celebration
- 15 7th & 8th grade band concert at CAW
- 16 6th grade choir concert at CAW
- 17 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting at GRCS Conference Room – 8:00 a.m.
- 17 Fles Society Luncheon at CAW – 11:15 a.m.
- 17 Ascension Day
- 21 Spiritual Formation Task Force at GRCS – 12:30 a.m.
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting at GRCMS – 7:00 p.m.
- 22 North Gym Groundbreaking at GRCHS – 8:30 a.m.
- 23 Honors Convocation at GRCHS – 8:00 p.m.
- 24 Parent Advisory Council meeting at GRCS – 7:00 p.m.
- 24 GRCHS Orchestra Concert at CAW – 8:00 p.m.
- 25 Personnel Committee at GRCHS – 1:00 p.m.
- 28 GRCS Education Committee at GRCS – 7:00 p.m.
- 29 GRCMS Parent Forum at GRCMS – 7:00 p.m.

June

- 1 GRCHS Graduation at Sunshine Church – 8:00 p.m.
- 5 GRCMS Graduation at CAW – 8:00 p.m.
- 5 Strategic Planning Retreat at Prince Conference Center - 2:45 p.m.
- 6 Strategic Planning Retreat at Prince Conference Center - 8:00 a.m.
- 8 Last day of school for students
- 11 Executive Committee meeting at GRCHS – 11:30 a.m.
- 14 Operations and Finance Committee meeting at GRCS - 7:30 a.m.
- 18 Board of Trustees meeting at GRCHS – 7:00 p.m.

Also attached for your information and review this month:

- Sample Get Healthy fundraising letters
- Letter commending Eric Burgess