

A CONVERSATION WITH THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

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CONVERSATION OVERVIEW



Opening Prayer (6:00 - 5)

Introductions (6:05 - 15)

Topics Covered for All (6:15 - 6:45)

E.g., Updated Mission Statement, Parent/student School Alignment, Faculty/Staff Spiritual Growth Plans, Status of New Building, Relationship with Real Life Ministries, Upcoming New Strategic Plan, Technology & Cell Phones

Department Level Conversations & Questions (6:45 - 7:15)

E.g., Elementary, Middle & High School, Athletics & Associated Student Body, Enrollment & Registrar

Closing Thoughts & Prayer (7:15 - 30)

OPENING PRAYER AND INTRODUCTIONS



Opening Prayer – Joe Hansen, School Paster

Introducing Staff Members



Melody Lund – MS/HS Principal

Aspen Elbin – Elementary Principal

Erin James – Director of Student Operations

Jessica Whaley – Athletic Director & Associated Student Government

Baylee Martin – Director of Development

REVISED SCHOOL MISSION



Old Vision & Mission Statements

Vision: We exist to partner with parents and the local church in the educating, disciple making and faith raising of the students entrusted to our care.

Mission: We will provide a God-centered, discipleship driven, creative education that prepares students for life.

New Mission Statement (September 2024)

We will provide a God-centered, discipleship-driven, education that partners with parents and the local church to prepare students for life.

PARENT/STUDENT SCHOOL ALIGNMENT, FACULTY/STAFF SPIRITUAL GROWTH PLANS

Annual Parent/Student Alignment

- Five (5) Alignment Meetings during August through December
- 2025-26 Alignment Meetings start in February

Annual Faculty/Staff Spiritual Growth Plans



STATUS OF NEW BUILDING

Current Status – On Pause

- Purchased and own the land (no lien/mortgage)
- Approximately \$1 million in restricted fund

Change in Relationship with Real Life Ministries

- Doctrinal Alignment
- Ministry Partnership no immediate pressure to leave current space

Enrollment Reduction

- Current enrollment 474
- Space for approximately 625

Ministry Partners with Real Life Ministries

- Doctrinally Aligned
- **RLM Board Members** Currently there are three (3): Dr. John Givens (Chair of RLM Elder Board), Sam Meredith (Exec. Pastor, Next Gen & Staff Development), Mark Bright (Director, Relational Discipleship Network).
 - The remaining four (4) board members are three parents and myself.
- Maintain separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit status
- Head of School
 - Report to Genesis Prep Board
 - Meet regularly with RLM Senior Leadership; e.g., Pastors Putman, Blood, Meredith, etc.
 - Attend at monthly All Campus Staff Meetings
- **School Pastor** Recruited and hired from RLM
- **Current lease** is through 2027 and maintained/renewed with annual meetings to discuss any changes Includes the instructional buildings and rental of The Courts

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

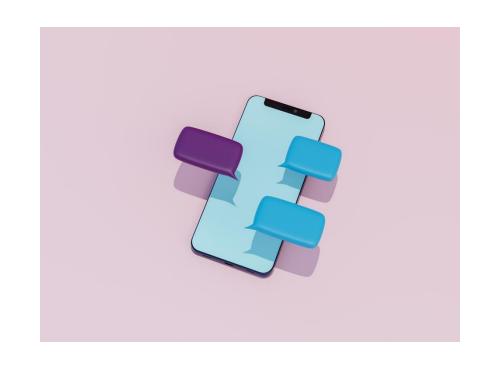


Current 2020-2025 Plan Expiring

- Beginning conversations with subcommittee of the GPA Board: Dr. Givens, Mr. Voeller, and myself
- Take into account new Mission, discipleship focus, and RLM partnership
 - Infusing discipleship throughout all curricula
- Discussing what "preparatory" means
 - College, vocation, life, spiritually
 - What would a vocation pathway, starting in 7th grade, look like?
- Physical plant, teacher training fund raising goals, current and future technology (e.g., AI), etc.

UPDATING CURRENT CELL PHONE POLICIES

- Expansion of elementary cell phone policy through 7th and 8th grade
- Research has and is becoming increasingly clear of the negative impacts on child and adolescent brain development, mental health, and negative psychosocial development
 - Additional concerning on the development of discipleship processes
- To take effect as soon as we can modify current policies and establish related procedures. Details to follow shortly; e.g., next couple of weeks.



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Parents in Prayer

 Parents meet Tuesday mornings, 9 AM, in the RLM Café'

Joining the PTF

 Parent-Teacher Fellowship allows parents to collaborate and contribute to important school initiatives.

Upcoming Topical Meetings

- Words Bring Life or Death, Wednesday, February 5, for 6th thru 12th students
- Sunday, February 16, 3-6PM Cyber Safety Night for All Parents & Student

Annual Fundraising Auction, June 13th





NEXT – DEPARTMENT LEVEL CONVERSATIONS

- Melody Lund MS/HS Principal
- Aspen Elbin Elementary Principal
- Joe Hansen Bible, Chapel, Discipleship
- Erin James Director of Student
 Operations
- Jessica Whaley Athletic Director & Associated Student Body
- Dave Rule -- School Wide Topics