



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 Pastor

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
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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
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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.
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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
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