

Earlier this year, the Kearns Network Community Councils were presented with a request made by Kearns Jr High to reconfigure the Kearns network elementary and junior highs (8 elementaries and 2 junior highs.) The request for reconfiguration would change the two junior highs to be 6-8 grades, beginning, at the earliest, for the 20021-2022 school year.

An independent survey company sent out a survey to each school. This survey was randomly emailed to our patrons. Nine percent of those in our boundaries, who received the survey, completed it.

As a community council we have been given the responsibility to take these results into consideration when making a vote as to what we feel is best for our school, the patrons, and our network.

We have spent the last few months discussing and exploring all aspects of this possibility. We have reached out to two junior high principals in the district who are already 6-8, for their perspective. We also invited Ben Horsley, the director of communications for the district, to sit in on our June meeting to help answer more questions and offer feedback. We truly feel we have gone above and beyond at examining all the areas that go into such a transition.

Some of the topics we considered and discussed were:

- More options for classes - electives
- Clubs and groups
- Sports
- Leadership opportunities (student government)
- A chance to develop or advance in specific subjects (for example, excelling in math and being able to take an honors or gifted class)
- Behavior
- Discipline
- Relationships with teachers
- Counselors
- Logistics of class schedules/lunches - how much interactions would 6th graders have with the two older grades
- Communication from Jr High Staff
- Maturity levels
- Test scores
- 6th grade teachers moving from elementary schools to junior high schools
- Building capacity
- Ability for 6th graders to adapt to this change
- What support would be given to insure an easy transition

On July 9, 2020, our community council at Beehive Elementary School made our final vote to be submitted to the district. Our vote was a majority vote of yes, with the count being 3 yes and 2 no.

This vote, along with the votes from all schools in the network will be forwarded to the district for final discussion, consideration, and decision.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our principal or to the Granite School District.

Thank you,
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Beehive Community Council Chairman