



Kearns High School

"Where destiny is a matter of choice, not chance."

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Danielle Mecham, Serafin Ruiz, Jeralynn Kjar

Staff Members Present: Misty Morrow, Brett Hansen (for Ms. Loo), Megan Angell, Ryan Knowlton, Aimee Duran (non-voting)

Visitors Present: Amanda Rosas

Meeting called to order at 4:35 by Deonna Weight

The roll was passed around and the two videos we needed to watch were introduced. Deonna Weight offered the links to view the videos in Spanish as well. The council viewed #2, Elections and #3 Job Descriptions. There were no questions after the viewings.

Deonna made a call for any updates. Brett Hansen, on behalf of Ms. Loo, discussed the change in the tardy/truancy policy districtwide. The changes to Kearns High School are:

1A & 1B – If the students are less than 10 minutes late to 1A or 1B, they go directly to class. They do not stop for a Tardy Ticket. They will still be late and marked "tardy" but you will not receive a \$3 Tardy Ticket. If the tardy results in missing a "Self-Starter" they cannot make that activity up. If they are more than 10 minutes late, they will get a ticket as in the past. The ticket will now be called a "Truancy Ticket" and will result in a \$3 fine.

All Other Periods - If they are less than 5 minutes late they go directly to class, they do not stop for a Tardy Ticket. They will still be late and marked "tardy", but they will not receive a \$3 Tardy Ticket. If the tardy results in missing a "Self-Starter" they cannot make that activity up. If they are more than 5 minutes late, they will get a ticket as in the past. The ticket will now be called a "Truancy Ticket" and will result in a \$3 fine.

All Periods – If they are 20 minutes or later to a class they will be marked as "absent". The remainder of the Tardy/Truancy/Absence Policy stays the same.

Misty Morrow commented that there are way more students tardy to class now.

Danielle Mecham commented that traffic can be difficult and cause tardies, but the changes to the parking lots has really helped.

Megan Angell took over the conversation to discuss the budget. The budget stands at \$198,281.14. Ms. Loo would like to move funds to purchase SMART Boards and Chromebook carts for core classes. The proposal was made to shift funds (about \$35,000) from hourly teachers to technology. All English and math teachers have chromebooks. We are still working on science and social studies. We currently have 22 SMART boards in teacher classrooms and would like to see more in the core classes. These devices provide a more interactive and enhanced learning and teaching experience. Call for questions.

Danielle Mecham inquired on SMART Boards and how they are used.

Megan Angell responded stating that the teacher can display the notes, add to the notes, can be mobile while writing on them, and then upload them to Canvas. You can draw on the boards, use interactive diagrams, and get the kids involved.

Does science have any in the classrooms? Yes, there are three or four.

Deonna informed the council that we cannot vote on the transfer of funds today, it has to be listed as an agenda item and will be voted on in December.

Megan went on to discuss the ACT funds to cover the cost of the test for those students who are taking the ACT Prep Class. The proposal was made to move \$10,000 from the hourly aide fund to the general fund to cover these tests. This will be placed on the agenda for December for a vote.

The question was posed regarding timing for payment for the December ACT. We were informed that Ms. Loo will cover this or the vote could happen via e-mail because it was discussed at the last meeting, but left off the agenda.

Mr. Hansen informed us that the school will also be paying for the sophomores to take the PACT on the same day as the juniors take the ACT.

Danielle Mecham asked for clarification on who would have the ACT paid for. The entire junior class will take the ACT with writing, paid for by the state, at the end of February. Each student enrolled in the ACT Prep class will have the option to take the test in December or June, which would be paid for out of Trustlands funds.

Misty Morrow commented that some of the juniors blew off the state paid test last year.

Danielle Mecham wondered if the parents were aware of this behavior. Why were the funds wasted on those who did not care?

Misty Morrow replied that we are required to have a certain percentage of the junior class complete the ACT as part of the school grade.

Deonna Weight called for any additional items. She expressed some concern over the amount of trash that has been in the parking lot and on the school grounds lately. It was explained that we have been short on custodial staff, that the concern was brought up in Building Committee as well, and that they have hired and the problem should be remedied.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

The next meeting will take place in the Media Center on December 12th at 4:30 pm.