



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Susan Pate, Jeralynn Kjar, Danielle Mecham

Staff Members Present: Tysen Fausett (in for Maile Loo), Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Ryan Knowlton

Visitors Present: Dana Solomon, Joseph Solomon

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Deonna Weight

The roll was signed, agendas distributed, and everyone was welcomed.

Deonna turned the time over to Mr. Fausett to provide any updates on behalf of Ms. Loo. Mr. Fausett shared out our progress on Goal #2 - Raising our ACT scores through the ACT Prep class. We already saw a 2% rise (from 16-18%) in our scores. The kids test taking skills are improving. Danielle Mecham shared that her daughter was initially unhappy about taking the class, but she has seen the benefits and now feels more confident about taking the test. Deonna Weight shared that her daughter's score went up three points after the course.

Deonna Weight turned our attention to the Land Trust Plan amendments on the agenda. She turned the time over to Megan Angell to discuss the purchase of calculators for the juniors to use on the ACT test. Student currently use basic calculators on the test. We would like to give them an advantage by purchasing advanced calculators that they could work on during class time, in math and science, that would help them do better on the ACT test. Misty Morrow verified with Megan Angell that these calculators were on the ACT approved list. The purchase would be for 600 calculators and would cost about \$7,000. These would be available for the students to check out to use on the ACT test, thus tying them into Goal #2 in the school plan.

Joseph Solomon questioned the use of the calculator on the ACT test as not allowing for a true measure of intelligence. He wondered how punching numbers into a calculator helped show how smart someone was and believed that his brother was not allowed to use one when he took the test. Deonna Weight, and other committee members, defended the calculator as a tool to help, not a replacement for knowledge, and discussed the ease of availability to formulas in the real world. Dana Solomon questioned if the students would know how to use all the functions on the calculators and was assured that they would use them for the year prior to the test in their classes.

The second amendment proposed was for the purchase of another five SMART boards and a chromebook cart. The SMART boards will cost \$28,500 and the Chromebooks will cost \$13,500. Ms. Solomon wondered how we decide who gets them. Mr. Fausett explained that we are putting these tools in core subject areas based on the teacher's skills and desires to use the equipment. Danielle Mecham questioned if the calculators would be used by the juniors from year to year. Megan Angell verified this and stated the only continued cost would be that of upkeep (batteries).

Ryan Knowlton made a motion for the approval to purchase the calculators. Misty Morrow seconded the motion and the entire committee approved the purchase.

Misty Morrow made a motion for the purchase of the SMARTboards and Chromebooks. Susan Pate seconded the motion and the entire committee approved the purchase.

Deonna Weight discussed the District level Community Council position that is open for our areas. We need someone in our area who has a student attending Kearns High School. They have a monthly meeting at 6:30 at the GEC Auditorium D on the last Tuesday of each month. Mike Edwards is currently a member and you can ask him about it or email Ben Horsley with questions. This position is for the two year term (2017-2019).

Deonna Weight called for any additional items and shared the process of determining how the budget was spent with our visitors. Joseph Solomon expressed some concern over how funds were spent in the school and how it was determined if we get a new football field or band uniforms. It was clarified that the Community Council only determines how funds will be spent to academically support the school. The district was responsible for the football field, not the school. There was further discussion about fair budgeting and the process of certain programs bringing in revenue from ticket sales to bolster their programs. Mr. Solomon was concerned about the inability to raise money to purchase new band uniforms. It was suggested that he look to the Kearns Town Council to see if there were any opportunities for revenue there.

The next meeting will held on March 13th at 4:30 in the Administrative Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.