



# Kearns High School

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

## School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Jeralynn Kjar

Staff Members Present: Maile Loo, Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Ryan Knowlton

Visitor Members Present: Amanda Rosas (Parent Center)

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Deonna Weight

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

Deonna Weight turned the time over to Megan Angell for a review of the budget. All the money is spent but the rest of the salaries for PM school. The calculators and SMART board were ordered. Regarding next year's budget, the grant for Aleks licenses was received, but it was only for 1,576 licenses. We will need to purchase 555 more out of Trustlands at a cost of \$10,000. Ryan Knowlton wondered if this was for our entire enrollment. Megan Angell affirmed that it was all minus concurrent and AP math. We had originally planned for a cost of \$40,000, but only need the \$10,000 now. We will revise the plan next year.

Deonna Weight questioned where we may need the money to go. Ms. Loo recommended it for the salary for the new math teacher, with the raise it will be around \$41,000. It could also go to pay for aides. The Council will wait until September to vote on the change.

Ms. Loo mentioned that the plan would be paying for seventeen teachers and the administration to attend a three day training at the end of May. During the training they will look at school data to map out the support we need. This is a three year commitment and during the meeting the group will write the school improvement plan.

Proficiency Based Grading - the district is moving forward with implementing this in schools. Next year all elementary schools will be on the plan, junior highs the next, and high schools after that. They have been piloting it for a few years now and have worked out a scale that changes a 0-4 to a grade. It is intended to allow for flexibility and there must be at least three assessments on each standard.

Ryan Knowlton adopted the program for the fourth quarter. He has identified ten standards and created three assessments for each standard. It is positive for self-motivated students, but has taken a lot of hand holding for those who are not. Midterm and failing notices are an issue for seniors. There is no scores for the homework - it is intended to get them to pass the assessment. There is no late work and they can take the assessments as many times as they want. There is no bogus extra credit and the student won't get points just for showing up.

Ms. Loo indicated that it is a work in progress and our piloting teachers are taking notes for improvements. We have twenty seven teachers in our building doing it. The district still needs buy in from high ed. Mrs. Kjar wondered how the students are reacting. Mr. Knowlton indicated that those

who have got by copying are struggling. He does feel like the process focused on the individual student. It has also been seen as a challenge to do better and take more responsibility.

Mrs. Weight expressed concern over struggling teachers and how they are getting the information over to the students well enough for them to pass the assessments. There was discussion of a clear rubric which would let the teacher know exactly what they need to teach and the student would know what they need to show. Ms. Loo likes the fact that there is one set grading scale across all classes.

Megan Angell indicated that the entire math department adopted it to help the teachers be more focused on what they needed to teach. No one is sure when the Superintendent will mandate it. We also need to figure out how to use it with concurrent enrollment.

Deonna Weight called for any additional items. Mrs. Kjar thanked Ms. Loo for the graduation letter that was sent out to parents. Ms. Loo was relieved to hear a positive response to it. She hopes it will help with the noise so each student and performing group can be recognized.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54.

The next meeting will be held on September 11th, 2018.