



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Christine Peasley, Maria Zamora, Bertha Santiago

Staff Members Present: Brett Hansen (in for Ms. Loo), Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Ryan Knowlton

Visitors Present: Nicole McDermott, Cheri Jacobson, Carrie Soderstrom-Johnson, Amanda Rosas

Meeting called to order at 4:31 by Deonna Weight

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

Deonna turned the time over to Mr. Hansen to discuss the addition .50 FTE needed for a math teacher (in addition to the 1.0 FTE already approved. Our original schedule projection showed an enrollment of 2349. As of October 1st the district is showing 2264, but the school is showing 2277. They are still in discussions with the district on that final number. Due to this drop we are slated to return two full FTE's to the district. In order to avoid this they are looking to cutting second semester classes with low enrollments, school funds, and Trustlands. The administration is asking for an addition of .50 FTE to the budget (citing the 1.0 that was already included) in order to keep our entire faculty at KHS.

Deonna Weight indicated that the request will be voted later in the meeting.

The next item on the agenda is Chair and Vice Chair nomination and votes. A parent needs to nominate and be the Chair and any voting member can be Vice Chair. The names need to be turned in by Ms. Loo by October 20th. Christine Peasley nominated Deonna Weight as chair. Maria Zamora seconded the nomination. A vote was called for and all present parents voted in favor of the nomination. Misty Morrow nominated Ryan Knowlton as Vice Chair. Megan Angell seconded the nomination. A vote was called for and all voting members approved the nomination.

Deonna Weight moved to a discussion regarding the procedures for our meetings. It was decided that everyone is happy with the current procedures and Ryan Knowlton felt like we accomplish all that we need to in our meetings. The minutes from the prior meetings need to be approved each month. Starting in November the link to the minutes will be sent out with the agenda each month so they can be approved. Deonna requested that everyone either take a printed copy of the September minutes or look at them online to approve them.

Deonna Weight asked if there were anything that needed to be discussed before we vote on the plan. Megan Angell indicated that we have already covered the discussion regarding the extra funds (50,000). Misty Morrow questioned if that was enough to cover the requested FTE. The consensus was yes because the 1.0 FTE was already in the plan and only the .50 needed to be added. Ryan Knowlton asked if Schmoop licenses were already in the plan. Megan Angell informed the Council that they were included and the AP teachers attended a webinar and everyone was on board with the program.

Deonna Weight proposed the vote to amend the plan. Misty Morrow seconded the proposal. An individual vote was called for. Deonna Weight - yes, Megan Angell - yes, Christine Peasley - yes, Misty

Morrow - yes, Ryan Knowlton - yes, Maria Zamora - yes, Bertha Santiago - yes. The motion to amend passed unanimously. Misty Morrow indicated that we would need to have a discussion on how to spend the remaining funds later.

Deonna Weight shared parental concerns regarding Standards Based Grading. She has received feedback of children and parents stressing regarding daily assessments and lack of communication regarding grades and the program. Christine Peasley echoed these concerns. Some of our more anxious students who are used to controlling their grades and seeing a daily update are struggling. There are daily assessments in some classes and a feeling like there is not enough time to finish some assessments at a level four. Christine Peasley felt like a teacher at conferences did not know exactly what was going on and when scores would be seen.

It was explained that a score won't populate until three assessments are in per standard. It was discussed that they believed that four assessments were in and there was still not a score (math). Megan Angell said she would look into it and make sure her teachers were putting in scores. She also explained that the scores needed to be entered correctly for the standard score to populate. The ninth grade scores are going in a bit slower but they had a successful meeting last week with the math specialist and wrote several assessments. Match started at a disadvantage because the textbook wasn't received until August and they are working on streamlining everything in the department.

Christine Peasley also questioned the grade scale and what numbers are translating to what grades. Misty Morrow indicated that there was a different grade scale (4=A or 4=A+) and the District scale did not agree with the book the PBG was based on. Carrie Johnson also expressed concern over the information gap that they are seeing. They are concerned with the number of calls they are anticipating at the end of the first quarter. There should not be an expectation of starting or ending with a two. Each student and teacher should expect and teach to a three and four. Carrie will send the link to a video from another school in which a student provides a tutorial on how to access grades through the new system. This program should provide parents and students will more information on how the student is performing. This program was not designed to make a four only attainable with extra work. They just need to show proficiency. If your students are not seeing grades you need to let someone know. If the teachers are not putting the grades in then administration needs to know so they can check in on it.

Deonna Weight was concerned that her child was told she could only take an assessment twice. Megan Angell clarified this statement from the math department. They can take it more times if they show the teacher that they are practicing (ALEKS/Big Math). She is hoping that this was a case of unfinished information. Deonna agreed that it could have been a miscommunication. Brett Hansen indicated that with a new program we all need to be more aware of being clear in our communications.

Deonna Weight asked for any other questions or concerns regarding PBG. Ryan Knowlton offered to take any specific questions to Linda Mariotti when he meets with her on Monday. Megan Angell also offered to take any math PBG questions to clear up with her department and the math specialist.

Final questions were called for and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58.

Next meeting on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018.

