



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 11th, 2018

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Jeralynn Kjar, Susan Pate, Danielle Mecham, Maria Zamora, Christine Peasley, Melissa Zimmer

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

Visitor Members Present: Austin Kimbell (Theatre Teacher), Amanda Rosas (Parent Center), Carrie Johnson (School Board), Nicole McDermott (running for School Board)

Meeting called to order at 4:30 by Deonna Weight

The roll was signed, agendas distributed, and everyone was introduced. Deonna will act as chair and there will be a vote during the next meeting to decide on this year's chairperson.

Deonna Weight turned the time over to Austin Kimbell to discuss this year's theatre productions. Mr. Kimbell thanked the council for conducting an email vote on this year's productions. They were able to have auditions and now have a cast for Cinderella and will be producing Inherit the Wind as well. There has been a change in plans for the spring production due to technical costs. He will bring that to the council as soon as it is decided on. He then provided a brief synopsis of the two productions.

The council viewed the video on the responsibilities of a School Community Council

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mfmpLcligsA&t>

Deonna called for a review of the budget that was discussed last year. Megan Angell reminded everyone that the original spending amount was \$237,228. There has been an extra \$14,000 added by the state so the budget sits at about \$250,000. The council will need to decide where to spend this extra money as well as most of the money that was earmarked for the Aleks math program. We were granted 2,000 licenses, but any license not activated by September 30th will be turned over to other schools. This will leave the need for 200 licenses at a cost of \$4,000. The original amount that was budgeted was \$40,000. There will need to be a proposal to amend the budget at the next meeting.

Last year we ran into issues while trying to pay for the ACT tests out of Trust Lands. The board rejected it last year, but the district has agreed that it can be paid for as long as it is in the plan. Kearns High is continuing to offer the ACT Prep courses and we have seen ACT scores continue to grow. We are requesting \$10,000 to pay for these students tests.

Ms. Loo informed the council that we posted twice last spring for a new math teacher, but were unable to get anyone hired. This has led to our math class sizes going up and our math teachers teaching extended schedules. We are currently 39 students under our district projected enrollment and she has reserved four periods. We would only need two extra periods for a full time teacher. In order to avoid losing a teacher she is requesting that a math teacher's salary package be paid out of Trustlands.

Danielle Mecham wondered how we would proceed if we didn't find a new teacher and Ms. Loo informed the council that we are not trying to hire, we are trying to keep the current staff that we have

with this request. Megan Angell reminded the council that this request was included last year in planning for the new hire and it would be shifted to pay for a current teacher. Ms. Loo assured the council she would choose the most recent hire to keep costs down. This will run 40 - 41,000 including benefits.

Deonna Weight asked if there were anymore budget items. Ms. Loo mentioned that it was requested for Trustlands to pay for the extra time compensation for the School Improvement Team. This team spent a week in district trainings during the summer and will continue to meet to move the process along for the next two years. This budget covered part of those stipends last year, Ms. Loo covered the remaining \$2,000, and the entire budget was spent.

Ms. Loo will attend an administrative meeting tomorrow where they will be discussing the upcoming voting ballots. She would like the council to encourage the community to read up on Proposition 1 as it will be directly impacting our budgets. She also expressed her appreciation for the passage of the funding that led to teacher raises a couple of years ago.

Carrie Johnson mentioned that the Granite site will have information on these propositions for the council to help share in the neighborhoods.

Ms. Loo also mentioned that they will discuss exactly how we will be handling the ACT Aspire and ACT testing in the spring for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders.

Deonna Weight asked if there were any other concerns to address. Danielle Mecham was appreciative of how much money is being saved by the Aleks grant. Ms. Loo mentioned that Mike Edwards would no longer be serving on the council, but that we have a few new members this year. The parent members need to outnumber the staff. the staff is capped at four members, but we want as many parents as possible. The new members were informed of the meeting schedule and asked to provide contact information. Ms. Loo also invited everyone to come back for the Town Hall meeting with the Superintendent that evening. Carrie Johnson also asked everyone to vote on the calendar choices sent out by email.

Christine Peasley wondered if the Town Hall would be recorded. Ms. Loo stated that is was just an informal question and answer that would not be recorded.

Misty Morrow asked if the increased school safety measures happening at the elementary schools would be happening at the secondary schools as well. Ms. Loo affirmed that it is on the way. Each building will have an additional adult in place to check in everyone. Danielle Mecham mentioned that it felt somewhat wasteful at her children's school on the first day as there were so many people that they could not keep it secure. Ms. Johnson understood the challenges and believes that as everyone becomes more educated about the process and discuss the skills and resources needed that it will help raise awareness and visibility. Danielle Mecham mentioned that secondary schools are also built differently. Mrs. Johnson assured the council that this was being discussed in the district level Community Council as well. Misty Morrow agreed that people will need to be patient and understand the process with their kids may take a bit longer. Ms. Johnson also mentioned that the council will be addressing the number of fire drills vs the need for more important preventative measures.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05.

The next meeting will be held on October 9th, 2018.