



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Jeralyn Kjar, Danielle Mecham, Bertha Santiago

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

Visitors Present: Amanda Rosas, Nicole McDermott

Meeting called to order at 4:32 by Deonna Weight

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

Deonna let the Council know that we needed to view one of the Community Council videos created by the state. She provided a synopsis of the first part of the video regarding fidelity, outcomes, formative, and summative assessments. The video regarding the use of data was viewed by the council. Deonna called for any questions and shared how we have already been practicing the sharing of data and using the results to adjust the SSAP. She used the example of The ACT Prep classes to demonstrate this point.

Deonna called for an approval of last month's minutes, which were included in the email with this month's agenda. Ryan Knowlton motioned for the approval, Megan Morrow seconded, all were in favor.

Deonna turned the time over to Ms. Loo for any updates. Ms. Loo reminded the council that we are in year one of a three year school improvement process with the district. This improvement process provides us with district supports to help our teachers and students succeed and to keep us out of turnaround status. Rick Anthony is leading the program and we have two district coaches who come to our English and social studies PLC's to help guide the process. Ms. Loo would like to propose having a full-time person on staff to be an instructional coach to travel around and work with individual teachers in the process. Ms. Loo would like to follow up with these pieces herself, but her schedule and commitments don't allow it. She is proposing to the council to use Trustlands fund to hire this person next year. She feels like our technology has been upgraded and, moving forward, this would be a good way to spend the extra funds next year. The district would like us to be down to 10% of our budget left. We are doing well to be at 40% right now and that extra percentage would be encumbered by this hire next year. This position does qualify for these funds because it is under the umbrella of school improvement.

Ryan Knowlton asked if it would be a full-time or part-time position. Ms. Loo would like full-time, but it will be dependant on need. Misty Morrow asked if the job description would be written specifically for us. Ms. Loo affirmed that it has already been written. Misty Morrow also verified that this person would need to come with a background in education. Ms. Loo confirmed that she wants someone who is invested in education and KHS. Misty Morrow agreed that an outsider would not be as beneficial. Ms. Loo agreed and used her hire for our United Way coordinator as an example. She held out and helped with both jobs until she found someone who fit with the culture of Kearns. Deonna Weight verified that this would be a hire for next year. Ms. Loo added that Thomas Jefferson Junior and Hunter High School

already have people in these positions. It is understood that this will be put to a vote for next year's budget.

Ms. Loo moved on to the proposal to finish installing the new audio systems in the core classrooms. She has been able to see a major difference in the classrooms with the new systems. They are not experiencing static and are happy with them - Ryan Knowlton agreed. She would also like to finish them off so the rooms are complete for the Administrative Conference on July 31st. There will be about 400 administrators here presenting in the building. This should reflect well on KHS. Maile Loo motioned for the vote and Ryan Knowlton seconded the motion. An individual vote was called for: Deonna Weight - yes, Jeralyn Kjar - yes, Ryan Knowlton - yes, Danielle Mecham - yes, Bertha Santiago - yes, Misty Morrow - yes, Megan Angell - yes, Maile Loo - yes. The motion is approved.

Ms. Loo informed the council that the reservations have been made for the AVID conference. The budget was at \$102,045. The reservations encumbered \$5,775 and we are at \$96,270. Danielle Mecham asked when the conference was and Ms. Loo informed us that it is on July 17th and 18th.

Ms. Loo gave a reminder about Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday and Thursday from 4-7 pm in the cafeteria. Deonna Weight brought up the PBG meeting next week. She has been informing her neighborhood groups. The information will be published on our social media and web site and a flyer will be handed out at conferences.

Ms. Loo stated that many parents are aware because of the elementary schools and Daniell Mecham commented that the kids seem more concerned than the parents. Ms. Loo agreed that we are feeling the growing pains and we are all still learning. The district is offering trainings through the subjects for our teachers as well. The district has also stated that these meetings will continue through the process. We wanted to have one before all of our core teachers move to PBG next year. Amanda Rosas commented that she needs to learn a lot about it because several of our Spanish speaking parents are asking her questions she cannot answer right now. Ms. Loo committed to contacting the curriculum office to make sure they reach out to Amanda and our Parent Center to help provide those resources.

Jeralyn Kjar inquired about the length of the two hour meeting - do you need to be there the entire time. Ms. Loo stated that there will be a small presentation at the beginning and then it will be opened up to questions. It will go as long as the parents feel it needs to.

Final questions were called for and the meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019.