



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 9th, 2019

Parent Members Present: Jeralyn Kjar, Danielle Mecham, Christin Peasley

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

Visitors Present: Anne Dallin, Camee Faulk

Meeting called to order at 4:31 by Maile Loo

The roll was signed, agendas distributed, and everyone was welcomed. Ms. Loo informed the Council she would be running the meeting as Deonna Weight was out ill.

Camee Faulk was on the agenda first but had not arrived yet.

Ms. Loo wanted to address the ACT concerns from the minutes in the last meeting as she was not there to discuss it at the time. The question of the benefits of the ACT classes was raised and Ms. Loo believes that, based on the data, it is a benefit. As with all programs, it takes about three years for full results to show. There has also been an online self-starter program that the ACT teachers were presented with and trained in a few weeks ago. It was brought in by Linda Mariotti and we are using it free of charge this year. All the company requested was data on scores. The company guarantees an increased score and the program was picked up by Kearns and Cottonwood. It will only be used this quarter, but Ms. Loo is anxious to see if it makes a difference. The Regents Scholarship ACT requirement, as well as other scholarships, have a higher ACT requirement as well and these classes will help with those scores.

Christine Peasley asked if this was the first year of the program. Ms. Loo explained that the classes have been going for two years, but the online self-starter program is brand new.

After this explanation, Ms. Loo called for an approval of last month's minutes, which were included in the email with this month's agenda. Ryan Knowlton motioned, and Misty Morrow seconded, all were in favor.

Ms. Loo did an update on the budget. There is currently \$61,038 left from the original \$251,000.

Camee Faulk came in and handed out a flyer to present next year's proposed shows. Fall: The Little Mermaid – good show for lots of girls in the cast – appropriate for all audiences. Winter: Spoon River Project – lots of roles and a good way to explore several characters and humanity – appropriate for all audiences. Spring: Musical Revue – Broadway and war – America's relationship with war through musicals – appropriate for all audiences.

Camee called for any questions or concerns. Danielle Mecham asked about the stage set-up for Spoon River and wondered if there was a new stage. Camee explained that there is not a new stage, just a different set-up for a more personal experience. The audience will be on the stage with the actors.

Ryan Knowlton asked about the royalties for the revue shows. Camee explained that because it is a revue, they only must pay musical royalties, not full show costs.

Ms. Loo asked for any questions and Camee let the Council know that she would tell them if there are any changes next year.

Continuing the budget – it needs to be spent down to 10%. The proposed budget amendment included purchasing new Chromebooks to replace the older ones in the building, but the original amount put us slightly over budget.

Payroll still has: 8 after-school teachers @ \$4,387.26, 5 Land Trust Paras @ \$10,093.71 (next year only 3 because of Instructional Coach), portion of a math teacher's salary @ \$1,654, 15 Leadership Team members training stipends @ \$4,800, and 4 ACT Teachers classes @ \$2,800 put us about \$23,735. With the vote today Ms. Loo is asking for the flexibility to lower the number of Chromebooks ordered if needed. Additionally, one of our English teachers does not have a Smart Board and inquired about getting one. Ryan Knowlton wondered if one could be moved from a room where it is under-utilized. Ms. Loo let him know they are all being used. Danielle Mecham wondered if we could just buy a few less Chromebooks, not an entire set of 40. Ms. Loo wants to stay with the 40 in order to replace an entire cart at a time.

There would only be an overage of \$660 and Ms. Loo is willing to pay it. She believes some AVID training purchases have already gone through, but she wants to be cautious. Danielle Mecham wondered if we lose the money if it is not spent. We don't lose it; they just don't want more than 10% to carry over. There was an audit two years ago and we went through it just fine, but they are watching and want to make sure it is being used and is needed.

Misty Morrow wondered, if the budget was an issue, if we could wait until the amounts came in and buy the board next year. Ms. Loo was okay with covering the \$660. Ryan Knowlton wondered how much the boards are - \$5,300. Danielle Mecham wondered how long they last. Ryan Knowlton has had his for seven years and it is still doing well. Ms. Loo believes we will not need to refresh them for a long time.

Christine Peasley wondered what subject the Instructional Coach would teach. Ms. Loo explained that the position would focus a lot on the freshman class and drop-out rates, which have decreased in the five years that we have had the freshmen. They will be interviewing the thirteen candidates on April 22nd and 23rd and they will need to be trained after the hiring. Misty Morrow inquired as to the date – same as the Aspire Testing – but it will be in the late afternoon, so it won't interfere. Danielle Mecham wondered how we went about looking for applicants and was glad to hear there are people out there.

Ms. Loo instructed that we needed to vote on the two motions – delay on Smart Board and funding on Chromebooks. Misty was willing to drop the motion if Ms. Loo was comfortable paying the overage. It was decided to be revisited in May when more of the AVID expenditures had come through.

Danielle Mecham made a motion to accept the budget changes and Christine Peasley seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor (including Deonna Weight who approved the changes over email). Ms. Loo called for any other items.

Christine Peasley inquired about the Math Book Camp. Megan Angell just received the flyer and it will be posted on the website asap.

Misty Morrow wondered who will be receiving the new Chromebooks. Ms. Loo explained that the oldest Chromebooks would be replaced first. We will start with math and then move to English. Misty also wondered if the district would be replacing any and was informed that the replacements are mainly on the school.

Danielle Mecham wondered how we decided who gets the Chromebooks. It was explained that all the core teachers have them, and the students use them in class. She also wondered if the school considered checking them out to students rather than surplussing them. There is a major concern with them disappearing as the iPods did with that program. Misty Morrow also brought up the Granite Education Foundation's program for cheap internet and computers in student's homes. Christine Peasley wondered if they advertise the program well.

Danielle Mecham verified that graduation had been moved to 9 am and it is correct on the website. This is the last year at the Maverik Center. It will be moved to the U to avoid the early start time.

Maile called for any other items and adjourned the meeting at 5:01.

Next meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 4:30 in the Conference Room.