



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020

Parent Members Present: Deonna Weight, Jeralyn Kjar, Stephanie Rees, Mayra Piñon, Bertha Santiago

Staff Members Present: Maile Loo, Ryan Knowlton, Cheri Jacobson

Meeting called to order at 4:31 by Deonna Weight

Everyone was welcomed and asked if they had reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Ryan Knowlton motioned to approve the minutes and Stephanie Rees seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Deonna turned the time over to Ms. Loo for any updates. Ms Loo informed the Council of the general process when a new principal will be appointed. Superintendent Bates likes to meet with the Community Council of the school that is in need of a new principal. He does this as the Council is an established group that meets regularly and represents parents and faculty. Deonna Weight asked if this information is in preparation of her leaving to which Ms. Loo replied "Not yet."

Deonna moved onto budget amendments. Ms. Loo reviewed the budget in preparation of the vote. There is 164,417 left in Trustlands and \$54,150 left in TSSA. The TSSA is encumbered. The balance will be used to pay our Instructional Coach and part-time Freshman Counselor. The Trustlands account is already encumbered for \$22,000 to pay aides and FTE for academic core teachers. It is also encumbered for the AVID Conference this summer for \$10,477. The budget needs to be amended to approve the purchase of the remaining Audio Enhancement projection systems at a cost of \$8,362.40. Ryan Knowlton asked how many rooms will be left after this. Ms. Loo replied that this is the end. She will not ask to put the new systems in the smaller classrooms that only house 10-15 students. We also need to vote on the purchase of an additional Chromebook Cart and set of Chromebooks in anticipation of a new math teacher at the cost of \$10,078.

Deonna called for a motion to amend the budget to include the sound systems, cart, and Chromebooks. Ryan Knowlton motioned for the amendment and Stephanie Rees seconded the motion. An individual vote was called for: Maile Loo - yes, Deonna Weight - yes, Jeralyn Kjar - yes, Bertha Santiago - yes, Mayra Piñon - yes, Stephanie Rees - yes, Ryan Knowlton - yes. The vote will be sent out to the other members by email, but there were enough members present to pass the motion.

Ms. Loo moved onto discussing other items that she would like considered for a budget amendment in March as we still need to spend down Trustlands. She informed the Council that we have been down two math teachers for the last couple of years. The math department is trying to compensate, and several of the teachers have a double extended schedule. We have a wonderful student teacher, who is bilingual, working with Ms. Angell right now. He would like to stay at KHS and we would like to keep him here. The students are really responding well to him. Additionally, we would like to post for a second math teacher to help relieve the teachers. One of the rooms that a current part-time math teacher is in does not have a SMART Board and will need a new set of Chromebooks. Stephanie Rees asked how old they are. They are G4's, which will be refurbished for full-time math teachers next summer. We are not

sure how easy it will be to find a math teacher in general, but to find one with the needed other curriculum pieces may make it even more difficult. The cart/Chromebooks will cost \$10,077 and the board will run \$2,700. The math department is requesting three new sets of touchscreen Chromebooks for the Secondary Math 1 teachers to use with a new math program at a cost of \$33,000. We would also like to look into replacing the 18 desktops in the Media Center with upgraded ones. The district is no longer replacing wired labs, but our ALP lead prefers to use the desktops for part of her WIDA testing each year. We don't have a cost yet, but if there are enough available funds we would like to use them. Ryan Knowlton asked how much we needed for the additional math teacher. Ms. Loo explained that we will not be able to hire anyone this year, we are just looking to equip an extra room with what will be needed for a hire next year. Cheri Jacobson asked if we could combine a ¾ language course to try and keep it on schedule. Ms. Loo is open to that if we can find a candidate that fits the needs. Stephanie Rees asked if we could share a teacher with another school. Ms. Loo is also open to that possibility. Stephanie also commented that it will be hard for the students who have completed German 1 to not have the option to take the next level to fulfill their two years of a foreign language.

Deonna Weight said that she will get these items on the agenda for next time and called for any additional questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 at 4:30 in the Admin Conference Room.