



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

Parent Members Present: Elizabeth Slick, Jeralyn Kjar, Stephanie Rees, Mayra Pinon, Amy McLaughlin

Staff Members Present: Maile Loo, Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Aimee Duran, Cheri Jacobson, Amanda Rosas

Visitors Present:

Ms. Loo started the meeting at 4:32 and welcomed in-person and virtual members. Elizabeth Slick asked for a motion to approve last month's minutes. A motion was made by Misty Morrow and seconded by Stephanie Rees. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Elizabeth asked if we would be discussing the Test to Stay and Ms. Loo confirmed that she would discuss it later. Ms. Loo asked the Council to make sure they watch the videos linked and listed on their own.

Ms. Loo provided an update to the budget. There is \$235,828 left in Trustlands and \$98,593 left in TSSA. TSSA is going down quicker because personnel is being paid out of this budget. To help spend down the budget the school is proposing the following purchases:

10 Smartboards for various classrooms at a cost of \$26,789.90.

120 Touchscreen Chromebooks for the math teachers at a cost of \$32,220.00

625 Headsets for core classrooms at a cost of \$3,700.

Replacement Chromebooks in anticipation of some not being returned and G3's no longer being supported - amount to be determined.

Ms. Loo asked for any questions before voting. There were no questions. Misty Morrow motioned for a vote to approve the spending items. Jeralyn Kjar seconded the motion and all were in favor. The budget will be amended to include the purchases.

Ms. Loo discussed the last minute decision for our school to participate in the Test to Stay pilot program. She was informed that we would execute the program and held an emergency meeting the next day with the teachers to let them know what would be happening on Monday and Tuesday of the next week. The administration worked all weekend to make it happen and our staff members, along with Federal, State, and Military helpers pulled it off. Roger Brooks, our District Emergency Director, helped us get set up and trained to test. We tested in the Dance Studio and Main Gym. On Monday we tested 856 students and 235 on Tuesday - 1,089 total students and faculty were tested. The teachers were provided with a list, alpha by school, letting them know who was allowed to be in their classrooms. We had 11 students test positive. Each student was handed a paper with a name label on it. The paper followed his or her test through the process and the students waited in the auditorium for their name to be called. Ms. Loo met with each positive case privately and made the parent call.

The plan going forward is that every high school will be completing this program. Syracuse High School was unable to hit the 80% they wanted to stay in, so they went into a soft closure. Kearns High School had at least 80% of our face to face learners test. Ms. Loo was proud of our community for stepping up. She feels like it is better for our kids to be in school to be better engaged. Our face to face learners are going up in number. The grades for the face to face learners are higher than the distance learners. The plan is to do it again at the next dismissal. The state has changed the threshold to !%. This puts us at right about the same number, but it will be different for other schools. The students can still test and come back.

Ms. Loo called for any questions. Amy McLaughlin expressed her thanks for us running the Test to Stay. Misty Morrow let the Council know that it went very smooth from a teacher's point of view - there were interruptions from the PA, but it wasn't too bad.

Those who joined via Zoom thanked Ms. Loo for offering that option.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 4:30 in the Media Center.