



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Monday, February 8th, 2021

Parent Members Present: Jeralyn Kjar, Stephanie Rees, Amy McLaughlin

Staff Members Present: Maile Loo, Misty Morrow, Aimee Duran, Cheri Jacobson

Visitors Present: None

Ms. Loo opened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 4:32 pm. The minutes were sent with the new agenda. Amy McLaughlin motioned to approve the minutes and Stephanie Reed seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Ms. Loo moved onto an update. The new principal, Danny Stirland, has been appointed and was at our faculty meeting. He will be balancing his current job at the District and working with us. He is excited to be here and had always planned on trying to get back to Kearns High School. Ms. Loo believes this speaks volumes about what he will do for Kearns High School.

We will be hosting Parent Teacher Conferences this Tuesday and Wednesday. Please take advantage of this if it is needed. If your student is doing well you do not need to worry about contacting teachers if you don't want to. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. The District is allowing them to work from home if they choose to. Many of the teachers are splitting their time between home and work. Amy McLaughlin asked how the teachers would be contacting them. Aimee Duran let them know that a form is available on our website to let them know how to contact each of your students' teachers (email, phone, Zoom).

Ms. Loo wanted to update the Council on the budget. We spent roughly \$10,000 after the approvals from the last meeting. There is currently a balance of \$188,613 in Trustlands and \$90,700 in TSSA. She is working on spending it down. She shared some ideas for spending last time, but we need to vote on them officially this time.

8 Boxlight Panels for \$22,239

Library Security for \$12,836

AP Test Costs - TBD

Students have already put the \$20 deposit down on the AP tests. We would like to cover the remaining \$62 - \$92 balance on each test. We already have some students asking for the deposits back and we don't want them to pass on the test due to financial reasons. Amy McLaughlin asked when the monies were due. Ms. Loo responded that the deposits were due by December and the balances are due by April.

After School Tutoring - TBD

We would like to pay teachers - we have eight teachers volunteering right now - to work with students after school. They would be paid anywhere from \$37.88 to \$40.00 an hour depending on level. We held

off on this at the beginning of the year due to Covid, but we are getting several requests for it from parents and students.

Misty Morrow said the opportunity for the AP test payments is amazing, but wondered if we could consider implementing this with other programs - like those students who can test for certifications in other areas - but can't afford it. Ms. Loo indicated that the AP costs were written into the plan ahead of time, but she has no problem including those other tests and/or certifications for next year. Ms. Loo asked Misty Morrow what kind of a cost she thought we would be looking at. Misty replied that she would need to check with other teachers who have students completing certifications to check on costs. Are we also considering concurrent enrollment costs? Ms. Loo said she would look into adding anything she could to the plan next year.

Amy McLaughlin asked if families could sponsor other families to help pay fees? Ms. Loo said yes, that would always be welcome, but she will look into covering it with this money as well.

Cheri Jacobson asked if Ms. Loo could see if these funds could be used to cover after school tutoring. Most parents and students prefer the tutoring over PM school.

Amy McLaughlin asked what the difference was between the two programs.

Cheri informed the Council that to be in PM school you had to be withdrawn from day school and only attend during the PM hours, but tutoring would be open to anyone who needed it and several parents are asking for it. Ms. Loo will look into it as well.

Ms. Loo asked if anyone was willing to motion for approval of the budget changes. Misty Morrow motioned to approve the budget changes and Amy McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The budget changes were passed.

Ms. Loo asked the Council to view the Smartphone video link that was provided in the agenda. Please share it as well.

The TSSA budget may be cut next year and Ms. Loo mentioned last meeting that she would like to move the funding for our Instructional Coach from this fund to the Land Trust fund. Misty Morrow motioned to approve the move. Amy McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion is passed and the funds will be moved.

Ms. Loo let the Council know that she will invite our new Principal to join the meeting next month. She would like as many parents to attend the meeting as possible. There will be a smaller agenda, but please come with your questions and concerns.

Stephanie Rees asked Ms. Loo if any decision had been made on graduation. Ms. Loo let her know that our proposal has been made to the Superintendent and we should have our answer sometime early in March. She believes he is on our side with this request.

Jeralyn Kjar asked if we are producing a full yearbook this year. Ms. Loo confirmed that it is being worked on and she will double check on dates for payments and distributions. Aimee Duran let them know that there is a link on the web page to purchase the yearbook. Stephanie Rees asked for the name of the advisor - Michelle Carroll (rmsuarez@graniteschools.org) for questions.

Jeralyn Kjar verified that if the students have put deposits down on the AP tests that they don't need to do anything else. Ms. Loo confirmed that the balances would be taken care of.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57.

Next meeting on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 at 4:30 in the Media Center.