



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

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

Staff Members Present: Maile Loo, Misty Morrow, Aimee Duran, Amanda Rosas

Visitors Present: Julia Ortiz

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 by Ms. Loo who invited Elizabeth Slick to go through the agenda. Elizabeth asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Misty Morrow motioned to approve the minutes and Amy McLaughlin seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

The time was turned over to Ms. Loo for updates. She informed the committee that we don't have a final say on graduation yet. The District is still working on it. She did share the desire of the council to have it on campus. It was originally scheduled for June 2nd at 1:00 pm at the University of Utah. If it is held on campus it will be moved to June 3rd. Ms. Loo would have liked a two day option to be prepared for weather concerns. We are hoping for a final answer next month, but Ms. Loo already has a plan and a backup plan.

There have also been plans forming for online school next year. This year the teachers were asked to teach in both modalities. Next year it will be all face to face in our classrooms. If parents choose distance learning there will be options. We polled our teachers and found that many were willing to offer additional classes that would be only online. These classes would have kids from our school as well as other schools in our district. Everyone is asking for some expectations to be built in, but there is nothing being pushed out right now.

If one of our students requests to be a distance learner the VP over that grade level will meet with the students and parents to look at how they have fared in years past to help make that decision. If they struggled with distance learning in the past the request might be denied.

Misty Morrow asked to clarify that there will be no dual modalities - only online or in-person per class. Ms. Loo confirmed this. Stephanie Wood is currently building an online only schedule based on those who showed interest in taking on a class. Misty Morrow asked if the students will still be allowed to do a hybrid schedule. Ms. Loo said they have not made that decision yet. Misty believes that it should be all or none. If they can come for one, they should come for all. The council agreed that the students fare better overall when they are in person.

Ms. Loo had not received a budget update yet this month, but going off of last month's numbers and spending here is where she believes we stand:

\$188,613 left in Trustlands

\$90,700 left in TSSA

We will have a new funding source next year - ESSR. This is a two year budget that is being provided to help get our kids back on track through tutoring, mental health supports, and extra teachers. There is a training tomorrow on how these monies can be used specifically.

Expenditures that need to be discussed today include 100 replacement Chromebook. We already approved this, but did not have an exact number and amount. We will vote on the \$27,408 today.

We have approved software purchases, but did not have the specifics on the Turnitin software at the time. It has been bid at \$2,763.30

The AVID Conference registration has already been approved and the \$7,000 is earmarked for that.

We need to update an audio system in a classroom as the old one is going out. The bid came in at \$1,156.84.

Misty Morrow asked if this was one that wasn't updated before. Ms. Loo confirmed this.

Ms. Loo called for a motion to vote on the Chromebook expenditure. Jeralyn Kjar motioned for a vote on the Chromebooks. Amy McLaughlin seconded the motion.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Mayra Pinon voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion was passed.

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Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Mayra Pinon voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion was passed.

Ms. Loo called for a motion to vote on the AVID Conference registration fees. Amy McLaughlin motioned for a vote. Stephanie Rees seconded the motion.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Mayra Pinon voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion was passed.

Ms. Loo called for a motion to vote on the audio system in the classroom. Amy McLaughlin motioned for a vote. Stephanie Rees seconded the motion.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Mayra Pinon voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion was passed.

We have decided on the display system that will be mounted outside the library from February's meeting. The original cost was estimated around \$1000, but the bid came in around \$1500. There is also an additional component that needs to be purchased to make it work. We will put the purchase of two Raspberry Pi devices (additional components) on next month's voting.

Ms. Loo called for a motion to vote on the cost of the digital display. Amy McLaughlin motioned for a vote. Stephanie Rees seconded the motion.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

Mayra Pinon voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

The motion was passed.

These motions equaled about \$39,000, which leaves \$149,585 in Trustlands. The funds need to be spent down to 10% by the end of the year.

Ms. Loo indicated that TSSA monies will be used for salaries next year, but decisions will need to be made about the ESSR monies. Misty Morrow suggested that we may need new Chromebook carts as some of them are getting pretty old. Aimee Duran suggested that they may not be used as much in the coming years as we are hoping to stay one-to-one, but we may need some replacements. Misty also mentioned that we will need to keep replacing Chromebooks as they get older. This is true and will need to continue to be funded.

Ms. Loo informed the council that Christine Peasley is unable to serve on the council. She has asked that the council start to ask around for anyone who may be interested in joining. We would like to have as many parents as possible.

Elizabeth Slick asked if there will be any dances or celebrations allowed this year. Ms. Loo said yes, the Student Government has to decide on three activities. We will need to test all participants. We are still testing the athletes every other week. We will add the activity testing to the end of one of those days.

Amy McLaughlin wondered what happens to the AP deposit fees if a student decides not to take the test. Ms. Loo advised parents to contact the teacher who will let the bookkeeper know and they can move the deposit to other fees. She also reminded the council that the funds were approved to cover the balances of all AP tests. Misty Morrow reminded Ms. Loo that we need to add in and vote on licensing and certification fees for other classes. Ms. Loo asked her to be prepared next time with some amounts and we will put it on the agenda for a vote.

Last call for questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03.

Next meeting on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 4:30 in the Media Center.