



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021

Parent Members Present: 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: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 by Ms. Loo. She asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Stephanie Rees 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 Austin Kimbell to present the lineup for the drama program next year. The fall musical is Anastasia. The rights were just released and the choir and dance programs are on board with the show. For the rest of the season they were hoping to present Peter and the Starcatcher, which is the story of how Peter Pan became Peter Pan, and Bright Star, which is a newly released school version of this play. This is the story of an underage pregnancy and a mother who believed her child was killed at birth, but he was not and shows back up in her life later. It is a very profound story that he believes the students should see. The floor was opened up for questions for Austin. Stephanie Rees asked if there were any policies we had to follow. Ms. Loo informed the council that there are rules regarding weapons, sex, and drugs. Stephanie Rees asked Austin if they had been approved and contained any of these issues. Austin mentioned that Brightstar has one scene with drinking. They always encourage it to be shown per licensing, but it can be softened. He would be happy to share the scene with the Council.

Ms. Loo discussed how scenes with gunshots were softened for The Music Man. The district asks the principal to view the adjusted scenes and give approval. Stephanie verified that the cut back version can be approved in house and Ms. Loo confirmed that the new principal, Danny Stirland, would need to approve it. Stephanie expressed concern for the group to prepare and have it not get approved. Ms. Loo asked Austin to send her the script so they can get right on the approval process. The discussion will continue during the next meeting.

Cheri Jacobson asked Mr. Kimbell why he has chosen such an intense/heavy show for our kids. She wondered why it would be good for our school. Mr. Kimbell believes that, much like Falling Wendy which deals with death and processing darker themes, the kids really seem to latch onto the story and were invested. This being based on a true story really shows the power of love. He feels like all three shows have the theme of finding who you are and the ability to connect with family and find forgiveness. Cheri thanked him for the explanation.

Amy McLaughlin asked when the auditions for Anastasia will be. Austin believes it will be right around Labor Day. He is excited to get a spark back in the program after all the Covid disruption.

Graduation Plans - students were involved during the entire process of determining the venue. 87% of the kids voted for USANA. We are happy to finally give them back something this year after all they have

lost. The District is split between USANA and Rio Tinto. If there is bad weather we will move to two ceremonies at the school. We moved from the U because they would not allow parents to attend the ceremony. Stephanie Rees commented that she liked the fact that it is in our neighborhoods.

Ms. Loo went on to say that a Granite representative will be looking at the venues this week and then we will be allowed to look at them. The price tag is higher, but we will make it work.

Stephanie Rees wondered how easy it will be to see the screens during the time of day we are holding graduation. Ms. Loo is not sure, but Tom Rodgers will take a look and let us know. Stephanie asked how big our graduating class will be. Ms. Loo believes it will be right around 400. She also wanted to know how many tickets each graduate will receive. Right now we know it will be more than two. We will have seats and the lawn. The plan may be to have tickets and they can only get in with a ticket. Stephanie Rees asked if we could do a digital ticket. Ms. Loo doesn't want to get into that this year in case isn't doesn't work.

Moving onto voting items. We will no longer be ordering laptops for the department chairs due to our school moving to laptops and docs for the teachers. Stephanie Rees mentioned that this discussion has come up regarding this choice and what to do if we have a substitute or if a teacher forgets his or her device. We know we will need to have extras available.

Megan Angell updated the council on the budget. Trustlands has \$89,265 left and TSSA has 96,423 available. We can carry over 10% of Trustlands - roughly \$27,000.

First voting item - 18 monitors for those teachers getting new Smartboards. The cost will be roughly \$5,000. Amy McLaughlin motioned for a vote and Misty Morrow seconded.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maria Pinon voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Megan Angell voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was passed.

In a prior meeting we decided to cover the balance of AP tests, but we also wanted to add in certification tests. Misty Morrow explained that several students don't get certified at the end because they can't afford it. Stephanie Rees asked how many students this would impact. Misty Morrow replied that it would be two classes of 35-40 kids. Stephanie wanted to verify that we wouldn't be limited and could cover everyone. Ms. Loo verified.

Amy McLaughlin motioned for a vote and Stephanie Rees seconded the motion.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maria Pinon voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Megan Angell voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was passed.

Next voting item - our new Principal would like to have some time to meet with our Department Chairs and Administrators during the summer to have a plan ready to support students and teachers next school year. He would like to plan all the training for the year. This would require a stipend to pay the teachers during this meeting. Misty Morrow motioned for a vote and Stephanie Reed seconded the motion.

Stephanie Rees voted yes.

Maria Pinon voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Megan Angell voted yes.

Jeralyn Kjar voted yes.

Maile Loo voted yes.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was passed.

Ms. Loo clarified an issue that we had getting the TV display approved for the hallway. She covered the cost of the TV and Aimee covered the cost of the display devices out of technology funds. Misty Morrow asked why it was turned down. Ms. Loo believes it skirted the line as being for students only. Cheri Jacobson asked how we got the last one and Ms. Loo informed everyone that we paid for it out of school funds.

Amy McLaughlin asked when we will meet the new principal. Ms. Loo said hopefully soon. He is still working his other job and hasn't made it yet.

Stephanie Rees asked about a date for the school dance. Ms. Loo stated that it will be on May 28th at the Viridian Event Center. Only our students can attend. Misty Morrow commented that it was a beautiful venue that was going to be the site of Junior Prom last year. Ms. Loo let the council know that they have put together a safety plan which includes hand sanitizer, temperature checks, and Covid testing. We will test 48 hours prior to the dance after school. Misty believes the venue will be good for distancing as it has two big rooms as well as an outside area.

Ms. Loo also discussed the two spirit week assemblies that we will have. They are still looking at a date so we don't run into end of year testing. We don't have to Covid test because the assembly will be held outside. We will not be testing for graduation. We have not had a positive test in the last two months.

Amy McLaughlin asked if we will start next year in masks. Ms. Loo hopes not with vaccines being available. She also believes that schools will be set up as vaccination sites. Stephanie Rees let us know that the mandate in schools ends on June 15th.

Last call for questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13.

Next meeting on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 4:30 in the Media Center.