



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021

Parent Members Present: Amy McLaughlin, Sherri Sisk, Misty Startup, Megan Zierse

Staff Members Present: Danny Stirland, Megan Angell, Misty Morrow, Aimee Duran, Cheri Jacobson

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 by Amy McLaughlin.

Amy asked if everyone had been able to review the notes from the last meeting. She called for a motion to approve. Misty Morrow made a motion to approve and Megan Zierse seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Megan Angell went on to give the budget updates. All of our new boards are here and an order has been put in to install them. We have a few more items we put on the agenda to approve today.

Danny Stirland informed us that our Instructional Coach, who helps our teachers with improving instruction, cannot be paid entirely through our budget. This put back 50% of her salary to our budget. We also have the money back from extra classes as we are over our projected enrollment. We will be looking to hire more teachers next year. Amy McLaughlin asked what subject areas we need teachers in. Danny replied that we need math, science, social studies, and English. We are not sure right now about electives. There is a possibility that we may have a mid-year hire if they are a good fit. We are also dealing with space issues - where do we put the new teachers?

We are looking at replacing several Chromebooks that are out of date. For this meeting we would like to approve the purchase of 100 Chromebooks at a cost of \$23,474. They would go to replace out of date devices and broken devices.

We are also looking at several software programs. All of these were used last year, but we would like to continue their use. It was an odd year and many teachers were focused on balancing in-person with distance learners.

World Book - a program geared towards history review and timelines.

EdPuzzle - this allows teachers to play videos and questions pop up at certain times. The students can review the video and answer the questions.

Brainpop - review of information, easily accessible - used a lot by science teachers.

Flocabulary - a way to review words and meanings using rap and catchy lyrics to help them remember.

Newsela - articles in all subject areas. The articles are adjustable based on the students reading level. This will help with our literacy goals this year.

Sherri Sisk asked how we know if the programs are good/useful/being used?

The District vetts all programs we use before we are allowed to purchase them. We have to justify each purchase as well. We will be monitoring the programs for teacher use and will decide if they will be renewed based on usage.

Danny emphasized that these are all tools, they do not replace teaching, but they can enhance engagement and help with concepts.

Amy McLaughlin called for a motion to approve the Chromebook purchase. Megan Zierse made a motion and Sherri Sisk seconded the motion.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Sherri Sisk voted yes.

Misty Startup voted yes.

Megan Zierse voted yes.

Danny Stirland voted yes.

Megan Angell voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was approved.

Amy McLaughlin called for a motion to approve the software purchases. Sherri Sisk made a motion and Misty Startup seconded the motion.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Sherri Sisk voted yes.

Misty Startup voted yes.

Megan Zierse voted yes.

Danny Stirland voted yes.

Megan Angell voted yes.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was approved

Any additional items were called for.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th at 4:30.