



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021

Parent Members Present: Amy McLaughlin, Misty Startup, Nikki Davis

Staff Members Present: Danny Stirland, Misty Morrow, Aimee Duran

Visitors Present: None

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 by Amy McLaughlin.

Amy welcomed the group and asked if everyone had been able to review the notes from the last meeting. Misty Startup made a motion to approve and Misty Morrow seconded the motion. All were in favor (one faculty member abstained due to numbers) and the minutes were approved.

Danny Stirland went on to give the budget updates. Remember that only half of the Instructional Coach's salary is coming out of ESSER funds. This freed up money for the additional Boxlight purchases. We are still trying to hire a para, but it is hard to find them. The purchasing of the Boxlights (11 total/8 mounted/3 mobile) was discussed. This will put them in most rooms at this point. The need for the mobile carts are in rooms that don't have a setup to have it mounted permanently. The cost for the 11 boards is \$32,149.29. After this purchase we will start looking at replacing the old SmartPanels via advice from our AV department.

Amy called for a motion to approve the spending on the Boxlights. Misty Startup motioned and Nikki Davis seconded the motion.

Amy McLaughlin voted yes.

Misty Startup voted yes.

Nikki Davis voted yes.

Danny Stirland abstained.

Misty Morrow voted yes.

Aimee Duran voted yes.

The motion was approved.

Mr. Stirland went on to discuss the change in the hat policy. Our old policy stated no hats due to a concern with gang affiliation issues. That was changed to hats being allowed if they were branded with the Kearns logo. The issue kept coming up and we did not have equal enforcement throughout the building. Our Unified Police Department has stated that the hats are not a major gang issue. The issue of disruption has been addressed as well and there hasn't been a major issue with it at other schools. There will still be no inappropriate content that breaks the dress code. It was put to a vote with the

Building Committee and the staff. 92 staff members voted and 78% agreed to allow all hats that fit in the dress code. We will still not allow hoods as they restrict face ID and hide headphones.

Mr. Stirland also mentioned that we are looking to hire a Testing Coordinator out of Land Trust Funds. This hire would help prepare the school wide ACT, ASBAB, and Aspire test. The pay will be 12.90 an hour. The hours will be very flexible up to 29 hours a week. We are looking for someone who is organized and has some tech skills. Misty Morrow commented that you can work at fast food restaurants for more pay. Nikki Davis also asked about the \$50 background check fee. Is there any way that can be waived? Danny replied that it is a required district fee that we can't waive. There won't always be enough testing work to fill 29 hours, but there is plenty to do here that could fill the other hours if they wanted it.

The new marquee is finally up! It was a long process, but we are happy to have a new system with new features. We also wanted to mention that our Turkey in a Box was a huge success this year. 85+ meals were delivered to families in our community. We also are in the middle of our Sub for Santa drive. Misty Morrow commented that Scheel's was sponsoring our drive and they were going shopping there before regular hours. We will be covering at least seven families with 6-7 kids each. Mr. Stirland commented on how strong our Student Government program is and how grateful we are for the kids and advisors. He also mentioned that he received a call from an elementary school principal who was impressed with our LIA program. We have great kids and programs here. We are considering hosting some junior high and elementary school leadership camps. The cost to go off campus is high and we would like to do some modeling with our own feeder students. We would like to do something in January as well as invite them to our Spirit Assembly. We hosted our local junior highs at our band and orchestra concert as well. Amy McLaughlin mentioned that she helped volunteer for the musical and the kids were wonderful. Danny added that he loves to see that program growing and how much it allows for different performing groups to come together.

Any additional items were called for.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11th at 4:30.