



Kearns High School

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

School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022

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

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

Visitors Present: Nicole McDermott, Sarah Wall

Amy McLaughlin welcomed everyone at 4:40

A motion was made by Megan Ziersk to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Misty Morrow seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Danny Stirland proceeded to do a budget update. Misty Morrow asked about the mobile boards. The mobile carts were damaged in shipping and had to be replaced. The boards will not go in this school year. Danny explained that so many schools were ordering them and waiting on installs that they decided to combine all the work orders together and outsource the installation jobs with a single company.

Danny introduced and welcomed Nicole McDermott to the Council. He explained that she was a teacher and is a great asset to us as she understands all perspectives.

He went on to explain that we are ready to get input for our new Trust Lands plan. We went over the data last time. Our goals for next year should be rooted in that data. We need to set our goals, look at strategies, and lay out our action steps to achieve those goals. This year's budget was shared visually so everyone could see the different categories that are included (Personnel, Professional Development, Tech and Supplies, etc.).

Suggestions for next year: Extra class periods, additional half time instructional coach, home visits.

Megan Zierse asked if we have a social worker here everyday. She knows that other schools share a half time one to help with the cost. She wondered if we could find one.

Danny replied that they are hard to find. We are lucky to have one full time here. Misty asked if he was already funded to be here next year. Danny confirmed that he is.

Megan Zierse asked if we ended up saving a teacher's job. Danny replied that we only had extra periods built in and we didn't have to do that. We are looking to hire more teachers so we don't need to have so many extra periods. Megan asked who is paying for the teachers to cover classes. Danny replied that the district covered those and Misty added that they will if it is called in on time. We usually have 5-6 teachers out a day. We would like to plan for extra periods again just in case. Misty Morrow verified that those periods would need to be in the core subjects. CTE also covers some for their own teachers.

Nicole asked if we could pay for a half teacher, half instructional coach. Danny let her know that we are not allowed to do that on the high school level right now. He likes the idea because there is a lot of credibility attached to that position when they already know the teacher. Sarah Wall added that it would

help so much to have the additional half-time person so our current coach wouldn't be spread so thin. Danny agreed and stated that they would need to be the right fit for us.

Danny asked if there were any other suggestions or ideas that they would like to see continued in the budget.

Misty Morrow asked about lowering the class sizes. She feels like this is the best idea as tutors and aides are not as beneficial and it is hard to hire people. Danny agreed and said they are trying to hire an additional teacher in the core areas.

Aimee asked if we are still covering the AP tests. Danny replied that they would look into paying off the balances. He will check with the bookkeeper to make sure. Amy McLaughlin asked what happens to the money if they put down the deposit and don't take it. Misty Morrow informed her that they lost it. Nichole McDermond mentioned that Taylorsville High found that they are more likely to take the test if they pay for it in advance.

Megan Zierse mentioned that the ESSER funds go back to the District if we don't use them all. Danny assured her that we will use it and make sure we are under the 10%. He thanked the Council for being willing to amend the plan throughout the year to make that happen. Amy McLaughlin asked if the funds could go to the arts or sports. Misty Morrow stated that it can go to anything academic, but no sports. Danny also mentioned that it must be tied to our school goals.

He added that we look to spend the most restrictive budgets first and then use the more flexible budgets. He thanked the Council for their ideas and let them know that he would send out the plan as soon as it is done. Misty Morrow asked if Megan Angell would still be working on it with him. Sarah Wall is going to step in this year to help with it.

Questions were called for. No additional agenda items were brought up.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12th at 4:30.