



# Kearns High School

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

## School Community Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

Parent Members Present: Cody Hancuff, Amy McLaughlin, Vanessa Park

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

Visitors Present: Karen Kwan - State Senator, Nicole McDermott - Board Member

Cody Hancuff welcomed everyone at 4:35.

Cody called for a motion to approve last month's minutes. Misty Morrow seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Danny Stirland discussed the Aspire Test.

School accountability is tied to this test.

Kearns High School was recognized for our high growth in proficiency during the last board meeting.

While this is only one measure, it also provides us with good data on our students.

We want all students to take the test.

Students can opt out.

During the first couple of years we had a large number of students opt out. Much of this was based on misinformation about the test. Several students were in our honors courses.

Meet individually with the parents turning in the form.

All opt-outs must complete an alternate form of an assessment.

We will be testing English and reading during English classes, math during math class, and science during social studies.

Misty Morrow wanted to verify that parents and students would be informed of the alternative assessment so they don't think they can miss or have a free day. This was verified.

Vanessa Park asked if this test can predict an ACT score. Mr. Stirland verified that this is one of the purposes of the test. The alternate assessment will also be a pre-ACT test.

Cody Hancuff asked for clarification on the 50% of the school accountability grade. Misty Morrow commented that this is a tricky calculation because many don't try and it can skew the data. It was also clarified that the score on this test cannot negatively impact the students course grade, but the teachers do have the option to raise a student's grade based on the results.

The parents would like to see the prior reports on the test. Mr. Stirland is going to follow up with Joan Bramble in the district to see how this is available in Focus. Vanessa Park has also let IS know the data is missing.

Amy McLaughlin - Graduation questions - what to expect, Area of Distinction, etc.

Karen Kwan

Thank you for serving on the council.

Please watch for upcoming votes and constitutional amendments that will remove earmarked funds for education.

Contact your legislation and those on the committee.

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Would love to have parents - not just those on the council

Concerns over losing teachers

Kearns is down 100 students next year, but we will not lose any teachers.

Adjournment at 5:30

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14th.