

Kennedy Junior High
Community Council meeting minutes
Nov 14th, 2017 3:00 PM

Council members in attendance: Christie Rasmussen, Brenda Shamo, Mary Anne Stevens, Eliana Sigler, Andrew Anthony, Debra Burkholder
Excused: Katie Allen, Cynthia Turner
Others in attendance: Ben Horsley, Danny , Jenn Vargo

1. Discussion of 6th grade moving to Junior High

Ben Horsley and Danny came to tell us about the procedures if we want to try to bring the 6th graders to the junior high. Some of the benefits would be increased FTE and possible elective choices. 700-1000 students is ideal for a junior high and we are at about 740. Some elementaries are overcrowded and with 9th grade gone, there is some extra space in junior highs, but Hunter Jr does not have extra space because of some boundary changes that have happened. There was some concern about 6th grade curriculum and how that would be implemented in the junior high schedules. Right now there is no real interest from our SCC, but if the question arises, we would like to get more information about how other schools have implemented this.

2. Due to time we will review minutes next time and the training videos will be watched by council members at home.

3. Last year's LAND trust plan results

There was a 7% increase in reading and in math 63% passed math essential skills testing. Our school grade didn't go up, but there are strategies being put into place to help this year. Each student is charting their own progress to see where they are and to encourage improvement.
Training video

4. We are on track with our planned budget of LAND trust funds for 2017-18.

5. Brenda brought up that 3 of our students of the month at the beginning of the year were from Fox Hills Elementary's magnet program. We want to encourage more of those kids to come to Kennedy Jr. and we want to highlight the benefits here at Kennedy. We will contact the counselors and get information to this school too.

6. We will not have a December meeting and will meet again Jan 9th.