

Kennedy Jr High  
Community Council Meeting  
**Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 3:00 PM**

**Welcome:** Melissa Marsing

**In attendance:** Danny Stirland, Mary Basso, Rebecca Ibarra, Caroline Mitchell, Brittany Tamowski, Andrew Anthony, Karyn Winder, Brenda Shamo, Melissa Marsing, Elaina Sigler, Deborah Burkholder, John Talbot, Christie Rasmussen, Brian Barnum, Katie Allen, Cindy Turner.

**Approve minutes from November:** After the correction of two name spelling errors, Brian Barnum motioned to approve the minutes, Andrew Anthony made the second and it was voted unanimously in the favor.

**Next meeting:** Feb 12<sup>th</sup> will not work due to Parent teacher Conferences. John Talbot made a motion to switch it to Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Anthony made a second and it was voted unanimously in favor of the new date. Still at 3:00 pm in the conference room.

**Information from the Principal:**

Surveys to staff and students to check school environment: These surveys are a part of the school accountability report. Types of questions: how connected they feel, if they know where to go for help, social and emotional learning, as well as academic.

Possible changes to advisory: Students will attend different advisory classes if they need remediation- give opportunity for remediation and for making up missed assessments, or enrichment for those students who are on track. The afterschool program will also be used to assist this growth.

Gear up Grant: We were able to create a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Avid class and hire a .5 math teacher from a grant that our school received.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade in Jr High discussion with district representative:** Danny Stirland came to give the council more information and answer any questions about 6<sup>th</sup> graders moving to the jr high level. He gave information about other networks in our district that have made this transition. Talked about the successes, academically and socially, which schools have already made the transition and what schools will be doing it next year. He then answered all questions from the council regarding social challenges, availability of advanced programs, class size, support and what will happen to the elementary schools that feed into our school.

The council still felt that they needed more concrete information and voted to continue the discussion at a later date.

**School schedule for next year:** Ms. Basso presented the pro's and con's of a 5 by 5 schedule and a 7 period schedule. She was also going to present this information at a staff meeting later that week and get their input as well.

**Safe walking routes:** These are found on our website and have been updated by Ms. Ibarra. She will email the council as well with the information. Christie Rasmussen told the council about a grant that

might allow for a bus for a cluster of our students that live quite a ways away from the school, but not quite far enough to be eligible for a bus. She will continue to gather information regarding this.

**Digital Citizenship Information:** Brenda led discussion and also made the council aware of the Hunter Network Parent night on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30. For students and parents with internet safety being one of the topics. Kennedy will be hosting and it is for the whole school, but we will be doing phone calls home and emails to make parents aware of this.

**Handbooks/training checkoff:** Continue to watch the trainings that Brenda has emailed out and let her know when they have been completed.

**Counselor's update:** The counselors had their state review and passed showing that they are providing the training and services to our staff and students. The Principal applauded how well they did and what great counselors we have here at Kennedy. Also, social and emotional learning will still be a part of advisory because that is a key component that the counselors are required to be providing our students.

**Next Meeting February 5<sup>th</sup> 3:00 in the conference room at Kennedy.**