

Kennedy Junior High  
Community Council Meeting  
Feb 5, 2019 3:00 PM in the Media Center

In attendance:

Members From Kennedy:

- Jill Walgamott, Mary Basso, Cindy Turner, Brian Barnum, Andrew Anthony

Parent Members:

- Eliana Sigler, Deborah Burkholder, Christie Rasmussen, Brenda Shamo,

Community Members:

- Caroline Mitchell, Kristen Sorensen, Lisa Brown, Clarissa Johnson, Whitney Garcia, Kayla Makay, Sarah Wilhelm, Julie Leith. Karyn Winder-School Board. Danny Stirling and Ben Horsley from the District offices.

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

Approve January meeting minutes: Motion to approve by Brian Barnum, Second by Deborah Burkholder. Unanimous vote in the affirmative.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Discussion: Ben Horsley This is the second time the District has been out to discuss and answer more questions regarding the possibility of moving the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to the Junior High.

New information included:

- 700-1000 students is a size that gives the numbers to provide elective classes.
- The district remains neutral and the community is who decides if it is right for them.
- HR would come out to talk with teachers and make sure all teachers have opportunity to remain or move to the grade they prefer.
- There would be counselors provided for approximately every 350 students.
- A 6<sup>th</sup> grade academy and open houses for new students would make the transition go more seamlessly.
- Having 3 years instead of 2 to prepare a student for high school is one of the reasons Ms. Basso sees this as a positive step forward.
- The next step is for each Community Council to submit a formal request to start the process.
- Deborah Burkholder made a motion to submit the formal request, Christie Rasmussen was the second and there was a unanimous affirmative vote.
- Brenda Shamo is going to write the request and submit it.

Update on Current 2018-2019 Budget: Most of our budgets will exhaust themselves by the end of the year. However, there is one budget that still has several thousand dollars.

- Mary would like to be able to pay the teachers hourly to come on their own time to work on lesson planning with her.
- Another idea would be to use the money for a few Saturday schools, where students could come and take or make up assessments to improve their grades.
- Ms. Basso will look into what we need to do to amend that money for this new purpose.

Training updates: Brenda will be sending out a Google form and each member should mark when they have watched each training video.

Safe routes: We looked over the routes and it appears that there may be one extra stop light that does not exist. Ms. Ibarra updates and keeps this accurate for Kennedy.

Digital Citizenship: Brenda sent out this information to the Council member describing what Kennedy has in place for technology and safety procedures: Procedures to report inappropriate behavior.

Teachers all have access to Lanschool and walk around the room as well.

Ideas for Plan next year: Paras, binders, technology, subs for planning days. Ms. Basso suggested discontinuing the school providing the binder and supplies. Students would be able to get their own and be able to express their selves through their binder, especially since we are a dress code school. The

council members suggested that if this is what we decided, that we should start advertising that early and at registration etc so that families that have been using the uniform binder will have plenty of notice. Also have enough copies of dress code and bell schedule papers etc at registration. Ms. Basso is also planning on putting together a teacher survey to get teacher input as well.

Counselor Center Update: The counselors are in the process of visiting the elementary schools. Class selection will be done online this year and will start on Feb 11-Feb 22.

Meeting adjourn: Christie Rasmussen motioned to end the meeting, Brian Barnum was the second and there was a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Next meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00