

Kennedy Jr School Comm Council (SCC) Minutes

Sept 12, 2019 3 PM in the Conference Room

In attendance: Brenda Shamo, Mary Basso, Caroline Mitchell, Rebecca Ibarra, Cindy Turner, Brian Barnum, Adam Gallagher, Jamie Peterson, Fkvave Tulcumoeata.

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

Organize Council (vote for Chair, Vice Chair and pick schedule): Brian Barnum nominated Brenda Shamo to be the chair and Ms. Basso did the second. It was voted with all members in the affirmative. Ms. Basso nominated Adam Gallagher to be the Vice Chair and Brian Barnum did the second. It was voted with all members in the affirmative. Cindy Turner will continue to take the minutes at the meeting. There were 4 others who turned in applications to be a part of comm council and Brenda will check with them. One has a conflict with the 3:00 meeting time.

Rules of order: The rules of order from the Community Council handbook were gone over and the rules were adopted to follow at our meetings. It was not decided to adopt that if a member miss a certain number of meetings, that they would be removed. Brenda will just keep in contact with those who are absent. The agenda will be sent via email before the meetings and if a member would like something put on the agenda, they need to get it to Brenda a week before the meetings. It was decided by the group that the 2nd Thursday of each month (except for in Feb because of PTC, it will be the first Thur) at 3:00 pm in the conference room would be where and when the meetings this year will be held.

Go over Land Trust plan for the year: Ms. Basso highlighted the key points of the Land Trust budget that the board put together and approved for last year. The goal is that there is a 3% increase in proficiency and 5% increase in student growth. There is a goal to reach 50 families with a home visit, where parent and students can discuss their vision for the future and how the school can support them with that. Two support paraprofessionals have been hired to support parents and students. There is money set aside so that departments can meet twice a year to plan and coordinate with each other. Technology that will be purchased was discussed and there is some money set aside to pay for a period or two for a teacher so that we do not have to lose a teacher if our numbers don't come in where we need them. Right now it looks like we are 1 period short for 1 teacher but will know officially October 1.

Turn around status: Look at proficiency data. Non official data is showing that proficiency from the 17/18 school year to the 18/19 school year has been as follows: Science 7, from 26% to 28%, Science 8, from 24%-21%. Math 7, 21% to 27%, Math 8, 19% to 21%. ELA 7, 17% to 27% ELA 8, stayed consistent at 21%. This is showing a general trend, but is showing progress of 2 sets of different kids in different cohorts. Proficiency is just 1/3 of the equation in turn around. 67% is based on student growth and official data will not be available until December.

6th grade configuration: All schools have not submitted letters to continue, but is is not longer mandatory to have full consensus, just a majority. The Hunter network meets on Sept 25 and the Information meeting for the 6th grade is on the agenda. Ms. Basso explained how she would incorporate the 6th graders to Kennedy. There would be several parent meetings before students came. 6th graders would have their own separate advisories. Electives would be different and there would be classes about school success for these students. PE and Art would be separate.

Other: The school has received a grant so that Ms. Basso has state funds to send teachers to Professional Development conferences and also offer weekly PD for the teachers here at the school. These are offered after school hours and so they are not mandatory for the teachers. Ms. Basso has posted for a Math, Science and English teacher with funds from the state grant mentioned earlier. A question was asked about how student council will be different that having student body officers from past years. They will have similar responsibilities, but there will be more members to give more students opportunity to learn leadership skills. This will replace the peer leadership group from last year. There will be 3 sub committees, service, student activity and advertise/HR. Students apply, there is no established criteria and another focus is for the students to build confidence and increase self-esteem.

Parking lot: Students are cutting across and walking across the parking lot in the morning and with the location of the sun right now, it is very hard to see the students. Administration, said they would address that problem.