

Kennedy Jr High  
Community Council Meeting (SCC)  
September 10, 2020 in the Media Center

**In attendance:** Board: Mary Basso, Brenda Shamo, Caroline Mitchell, and Jami Peterson. Guests: Karyn Winder and Anne McKenzie

**Welcome:** Brenda Shamo

**Approve March minutes:** Brenda Shamo made the motion, Caroline Mitchell seconded, and it was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

**2020-2021 Kennedy Community Council (elections, officers, schedule):** Brenda Shamo nominated to be the chair for the 20-21 school year. Motion made by Caroline Mitchell for Brenda Shamo to be the Community Council chair. Vote seconded by Mary Basso, and it was voted unanimously in the affirmative. Jami Peterson was nominated and motioned by Brenda Shamo for the vice chair position, Mary Basso seconded, and it was voted unanimously in the affirmative. Meetings will be held on 2nd Thursday at 3:00 pm for this school year. There is still at least one parent opening for this year.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Kennedy next year:** Mary Basso will be drafting a course schedule for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and present it to the community council next meeting. Mary Basso will be scheduling times for town hall type meetings with each elementary school starting in October, once a month through January.

**Ratified Vote for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** On Friday, August 28, 2020 an email vote was taken about reconfiguration. The survey results were sent to the SCC and all 8 members of the council responded that same day in favor of the 6th grade reconfiguration for the 2021-22 school year.

The email said, "As you may know, the board has been presented with the request for grade reconfiguration for Kennedy Jr (6th grade moving up to Kennedy starting next year.) Attached are the results of the community survey that was done in the Spring. Because of some problems with emails, we were not given this information, so we have not formally voted as a community council. Please look over the survey results and respond if you vote "yes" or "no" to approving to move 6th grade up starting next year. We need this vote by Monday - so please reply ASAP." All votes were received on August 28, 2020.

It was voted in unanimously in the affirmative.

**Principal Reports:**

Parent communication: Kennedy Jr High sent out a survey at the end of last school year asking parents what we can improve upon. Parents voted for communication. Mary Basso created a new survey that will be sent out to parents to ask what the best form of communication is, what is the best time for communications, etc.

Parent survey on registration and distance learning: Kennedy Jr High will also include questions on the survey about online registration and how that process was for parents asking if it was easy or difficult, so we know what we can improve. The survey will also include questions about distance learning (DL).

**Other:** Jami had a parent give her a list of concerns about distance learning that their student is having difficulty with and parent frustrations. Kennedy Jr High has sent home how-to videos to DL students and families as well as posted them on our website to help students access Canvas. Kennedy administration are monitoring students that are not connecting and following up with the students. Kennedy administration and counselors are making home visits and dropping off Chromebooks to students that are not able to come in to receive them. Kennedy has conveyed to parents that DL students have the same expectations as in-person students and are required to do the same amount of work.

Parent teacher conferences will be scheduled using the Canyon Creek software. Conferences will be scheduled via Zoom with parents. This was a district wide decision. Teams at Kennedy will be doing their conferences together and electives will have their own time slots. Our parent teacher conferences will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.