

Kennedy Jr High  
Community Council Meeting (SCC)  
November 12, 2020 in the Media Center

**In attendance:** Board: Mary Basso, Brenda Shamo, Caroline Mitchell, Laurel King, Anne McKenzie, Jami Peterson, and Emily DeYoung. Guests in attendance: Steve Alder. Bobbi Castro was not in attendance.

**Welcome:** Brenda Shamo

**Approve October minutes:** Mary Basso made the motion, Caroline Mitchell seconded, and it was voted unanimously in the affirmative.

**2020-2021 Land Trust Plan – budget update:** Kennedy has posted for a reading teacher position. We interview paraprofessionals when applicants come in. FTE for the teacher and the paraprofessional will be coming out of Land Trust. We have purchased two interactive boards for classrooms. We have already purchased the student supplies we allocated funds. These supplies include composition books, pencil pouches, pencils, highlighters, etc.

**Safe technology and digital citizenship reports:**

District Report: Committee did not have any questions or concerns about the district report for safe technology and digital citizenship.

School Report: We are using LanSchool with the chromebooks. If there is a technology infraction, the student is sent to administration for it to be addressed. Damaged chromebooks have been minimal. From the 2019-2020 school year, when chromebooks were checked out, only four did not come back. Kennedy provides digital citizenship training through a variety of avenues. Digital Literacy has a strand that focuses on digital citizenship. Health has a digital citizenship component. The first week of school we covered digital citizenship in advisory. We will be doing White Ribbon Week in January. We also have guest speakers and cybersecurity lessons with teacher instruction. Student council feels that the student education regarding internet safety is good.

Council would like links and resources for internet safety and digital citizenship to be emailed out to parents and students before winter break. This will help cover parent and student education.

**Student engagement – new reading teacher, digital literacy, distance learning:** New reading teacher and digital literacy teacher will help with student engagement. We are hiring for the new digital literacy teacher now and hope to hire someone soon. The reading position will be posted again soon. We hope to retain the digital literacy position with the incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students next year.

We are currently pulling the Kennedy specific data about distance learning. After school program is cancelled during two-week order from the Governor. They have been doing outreach to 100 families by calling, doing home visits, anything to help keep students engaged. There are a variety of reasons why distance learning students are not logging on. The district has instructed us that we cannot send distance learning students to truancy court. Dropping students is a last resort option.

**Other:** Old seminary building will be turning into a community center by the district. They will hire someone to manage the community center 29 hours a week. The center will have adult ESL classes, parent education for the parent portal, help support families to engage in their student's education. We

are interested in housing our food pantry through the community center. The Kennedy food pantry should be up and running in January. Kennedy food pantry could be a good service project for donations.

Emily DeYoung brought up safe walking routes concerns about no sidewalk on 4800W on the East side by a field. This has been discussed by the council before and West Valley PD and city have been involved. It is on the list for the city to investigate, but their projects are backlogged. Brenda will follow up with the city council to see if the sidewalk can be added.

Next meeting: TBD