

Kennedy Jr High
Community Council Meeting (SCC)
January 14, 2021 in the Media Center

In attendance: Board: Brenda Shamo, Laurel King, Caroline Mitchell, Emily DeYoung, Mary Basso, Anne McKenzie; Jami Peterson attended via Zoom. Guests: Karyn Winder, Chrissy Breeze, Gordana Bajraktarevic, Samantha Robinson, Denise Martinez, Kathlyn Anderson; Mark Rappleye and Lauren Szykula attended via Zoom

Welcome: Brenda Shamo

Approve November minutes: Mary Basso motions to approve November minutes with the addition of Bobbi was not in attendance. This motion was seconded by Emily DeYoung; all in favor.

Final report for 2019-2020: Mary Basso is currently unable to access the website until tomorrow, January 15, 2021. Mary will send an email with the final report once access is granted. We estimate that about \$3,000 - \$5,000 rolled over from the 2019-2020 school year to this year's budget. We do not have testing data for the 2019-2020 school year, so there is no data to share. Kennedy made a 20% growth in WIDA testing.

For the 2020-2021 school year, Reading Inventory retesting will be conducted in January for any students that would like to improve their score. There is an incentive for students who improve their scores. Mary Basso will present the final report for 2019-2020 in the February meeting. We will also have a Reading Inventory Report for our population and growth.

2020-2021 Land Trust Plan – budget update: We have not been successful hiring a teacher for the Reading class. We had a long-term substitute for 2nd Quarter. The decision has been made to dissolve the class because the quality of the education is not the same as it would be with a full-time teacher. Students that need extra help can be placed into an English lab class. Placement in the lab class is based on teacher recommendation with parent and student approval. The teacher shortage is contributing to our difficulty finding a reading teacher. We would like to plan to hire a reading teacher for the next school year.

Mary Basso is working with Danny Stirland and Aaron Wilson on how to spend our budget. Karyn Winder confirmed that you cannot carry over more than 10% of the budget to the next school year. We have started early discussions with the district about carrying over more than the allotted 10% since we want to make sure we spend the funds to have a beneficial outcome for students. We would like to see if they will allow us to roll over more than 10% this school year. Funds must be used for academic achievement.

We also have five aide positions available that we have not been able to hire. Chrissy Breeze will spread the word about hiring aide positions to those in the community. Council members will also try to reach out to community member to see if anyone would like to work at the school.

We will have a budget update at the February meeting.

Course Selections and 6th grade reconfiguration updates: Extended hiring recommendations for the 6th grade teachers from our current feeder schools to six teachers. They will have until tomorrow, January 15, 2021 to accept. We interviewed all teachers interested in working at Kennedy Jr High.

Mary Basso will be sharing information about course selection through YouTube videos. Administration will be visiting elementary schools on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 to talk to students and teachers about course selection through Discovery. Directions will go home on January 20th, 2021. Our current 7th grade students will go through the course selection process with their teachers. Hunter and Kearns High will be at Kennedy Jr on January 20, 2021 to discuss course selection with our current 8th grade students.

Instructions will be posted on Kennedy's website. We will start making calls for students that have not selected courses the week following the release of the video.

Digital citizenship update – school safety responsibilities: The district is working on some materials that will be available at the end of January. Ben Horsley is working on developing the materials. Kathlyn Anderson is working with the school's student council on white ribbon week. White Ribbon Week has been moved to the week of January 25 – 28th. Chrissy Breeze, PTA President, said that if the student council needs anything, that the PRA can help.

Safe Walking Routes: We have a school safety portion that the council needs to address. Council needs to review digital citizenship, safety plan, and positive behavior plan. Samantha Robinson would like us to review safe walking routes with students. We have students not using the crosswalks. Kennedy will have safe walking routes put in the announcements and remind students to cross at crosswalks.

Laurel King suggests adding language that tells students to make eye contact with the driver, so both the driver and the pedestrian are aware of each other's presence to ensure safety for all.

Students need to be encouraged to cross at the light rather than the canal. The canal crosswalk was installed by the county and is not a school crosswalk.

Chrissy Breeze will reach out to the supervisor over crossing guards to see if they have videos we could show during announcements or send to students and parents.

At the November meeting, concerns were brought up about the lack of sidewalk on 4800 W on the East side of the street. Brenda Shamo reached out to public works. The field property has not been sold yet. This was also addressed in 2018 with West Valley City. Karyn Winder will speak with Wayne Pile and voice the concerns the Community Council and Kennedy have about the lack of sidewalk.

Other: Karyn Winder spoke to Community Council about Superintendent Bates retiring June 30th. The school board oversees hiring a new Superintendent. The board would like feedback from Community Councils, teachers, staff, and parents. They will be sending out a survey through the Communications Department to see what qualities, degrees, licensure, and experience are wanted in the new Superintendent. The board will begin gathering information through January 25th. The board hopes to have a candidate selected and hired by June so they can transition in while working with Superintendent Bates.

Next meeting: February 4th at 3:00 PM in the Media Center and over Zoom.

Laurel King motioned to adjourn and this was seconded by Mary Basso.