

Kennedy Jr High  
Community Council Meeting (SCC)  
September 9, 2021 in Media Center

**In attendance:** Board: Mary Basso, Brenda Shamo, Jami Peterson, Caroline Mitchell, Annie McKenzie, Jennifer Hunt, Randa Farnsworth and Emily DeYoung Guests: Zach Dickison, Steve Alder, Karyn Winder

**Welcome:** Brenda Shamo

**Approve April minutes:**

**Chair Nominations:** Mary Basso nominates Brenda Shamo for chair. Randa Farnsworth seconds, all in favor. No one is elected to vice-chair at this time. We will vote later when we have the new teacher representation present.

**Rules & Procedures:** Kennedy Community Council would like to adopt that if a parent member is absent from two consecutive meetings unexcused, the chair will notify the member that if they do not attend the next meeting, the seat will be vacant.

Kennedy Community Council will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3:05 PM motion to approve meeting time and dates by Brenda Shamo, seconded by Randa Farnsworth.

**Extra Funds:**

We are paying for two teachers out of Turnaround, Aubrey, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade FACs, and Hilder, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is estimated to cost about \$35,000. We budgeted \$50,000 to help pay for our instructional coach but were informed by the district that we cannot budget an instructional coach in Landtrust. We were unable to acquire the Naviance software which we budgeted \$11,000 towards. We allocated \$10,000 for AVID but will need to increase that budget to be \$15,000 due to travel expenses. We planned to spend \$23,000 on chromebooks for students. Lastly, we have allocated \$4,000 for supplies for students. We had backpacks donated by the GEF.

Kennedy would like to hire two more paras from these funds, costing about \$30,000. Mary Basso will post for positions. We are in need of paras, full day custodian, and sweepers at Kennedy.

Budget Amendment proposed to allocated funds for Digital Citizenship program for the school. Mary Basso will present programs and monetary amounts at the October meeting.

**Other:** Parent concerns brought to Brenda Shamo's attention. CCR meetings. We have information posted on the website, but no email was sent to parents. Kennedy will send out blackboard messages to notify parents about the CCR meetings. We are striving for better communication between staff and parents.

Parent weekly emails: Some teachers are sending them, others are not. The expectation is that all teachers send them weekly. This is a new process, as we are working to improve communication, so parents know what is happening in the classroom.

Community Council Website updates: The website has old information and needs to be updated with new members, dates, minutes, etc. Brenda Shamo will work with Steve Alder for updated information.

Students being marked absent when they are attending classes: This may have been an issue with two advisory classes assigned. This should be solved now. If parents have a question about attendance, they should speak to the teacher first since the office does not have any way to know if the student was in class or not, but the teachers will know.

How is the school recognizing students that are doing well? Students of the month will start in September – nominated by teachers. We have a PBIS activity where all students have the opportunity to earn a reward. September, Kennedy will be focusing on tardies. Rewards will be during lunch. Crusader coupons are given to students where they can buy items from the student store like chips, candy, etc.

Vaccination clinics being set up at Jr High locations. District will provide more information.

Brenda Shamo motions to adjourn the meeting – Jennifer Hunt seconds.

\*Instructional coach budget has been resolved with the district and we will be using Landtrust funds to pay for half of our instructional coach. 10/11/21