

Kent Center School Board Of Education

Draft- Minutes January 2018

The Kent Center School Board of Education held their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Kent Center School library. Present were: Chairman Martin Lindenmayer, Assistant Chairman Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, CiCi Nielsen, Rob Ober, Melissa Roth-Cherniske, Dana Slaughter, Principal Florence Budge, Superintendent Pam Vogel and Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter. Also present were teachers Nancy Ackerman, Michelle Mott, Kathleen Robey, Marci Saunders, Lee Sohl, Ane Starr and members of the public and press.

Call to order – Martin Lindenmayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recognition of Service**

Postponed to later in the meeting

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Martin Lindenmayer obtained a motion to amend the agenda to add Review of the 2018-2019 Region One School Calendar under New Business. Cici Nielsen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the December 6, 2017 regular meeting**

- CiCi Nielsen made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Communications:**

- a) Comments From Public – A parent stated that she wanted the Board to be aware that parents are not happy with the new grading practices. The parent submitted five letters from parents expressing their concern. The letters were accepted by the Board and will be filed.
- b) Written – Pam submitted a letter to the Board from EdAdvance outlining their services. The letter will be filed.

**4. Kent Teachers Forum –**

- Marci Saunders presented on Jump Rope for Heart. The annual event took place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and involved the second through sixth grades. The program incorporated jump rope skills along with healthy lifestyle lessons. There were thirty one parent volunteers and there was 100% participation from the students. The students raised \$2616 for the American Heart Association. Seventh and eighth graders were

involved with Hoops for Heart or Jump Rope for Heart during their PE class time. First and Second classes visited during the event to get them excited for their year. Florence commended Marci for a successful event and accommodating to make it happen due to an unexpected early dismissal.

- Lee Sohl presented on GeMo, the Robot. Jason Doornick, a KCS alum and the creator of GeMo, visited KCS on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Jason controlled his robot remotely as well as being the voice of GeMo. The robot interacted with students with music and positive messages. This program introduced our new flex theme of “Creating, Imagining and Innovating”, which will transpire in January.

**5. Principal’s Report – Florence Budge**

Florence shared highlights from the December Principal’s Report. She reported that the Community Partnership meeting, held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, was a success. Teachers presented on the new science standards, grading practices and FLEX. A copy of her report was submitted and will be filed.

**6. High School Report – Jonathan Moore**

Jonathan was not in attendance. Jonathan submitted a copy of the HVRHS Principal’s Report which will be filed.

**Marty called for a break temporarily suspending the meeting for the Recognition of Service of Allan Priaulx.**

**Marty opened with thanking Jackie Priaulx for her support while Allan served on the Board.**

**Allan was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Board.**

**Florence presented a card signed by students and staff with thanks for his dedication to KCS.**

**On behalf of the staff and Faculty, Michelle Mott presented Allan with a gift.**

**7. Committee Reports:**

a) Building Committee – Martin Lindenmayer

Marty reported that halls in the building were painted over the holiday break. He met with Bill Hurley to go over procedures for cold temperatures and ongoing maintenance of the building. Marty gave a solar update and stated there will be an engineering study of the building.

b) Budget – CiCi Nielson

CiCi reported she will attend the BOF meeting next week. The budget committee will meet to discuss the budget.

c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso

Gonzo reported that the Wellness Committee will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30am.

d) ABC Meeting – Martin Lindenmayer

Marty submitted an organization flow chart of the ABC Committee. A copy will be filed.

e) Grants Committee – Dana Slaughter

No report.

**8. Superintendent of Schools’ Report – Pam Vogel, Superintendent**

Pam reported that she visited KCS classrooms and that it was a joy to see all the learning that was happening. Pictures from her visit will be posted on the Region One website. Pam read highlights from her report. A copy of the report was submitted and will be filed.

**9. Assistant Superintendent of Schools' – Lisa Carter, Assistant Superintendent**

Lisa read highlights from her report. A copy of the report was submitted and will be filed.

**10. Old Business:**

a) Wellness Policy - Second reading

The Wellness Policy was reviewed and discussed. Melissa Cherniske made a motion to add a third reading of the Wellness Policy in March to incorporate amended changes and allow time to incorporate a discussion on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade recess. Cici Nielsen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b) Meeting dates for 2018

The remaining 2018 meeting dates were submitted. Melissa Cherniske made a motion to accept the 2018 meeting dates as submitted. The motion was seconded by Rob Ober. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2018 Remaining Meeting Dates**

(Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the KCS library, unless otherwise noted)

**September 5, 2018**

**October 3, 2018**

**November 7, 2018**

**December 5, 2018**

c) Capital Plan

Marty presented the Capital Plan that was submitted to the Town of Kent as a place holder. Melissa Cherniske made a motion to accept the Capital Plan as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dana Slaughter. The motion was approved unanimously. A copy of the plan will be filed.

**11. New Business:**

a) Committees Review

Marty reported that the Board is reviewing our current Committees and will offer the opportunity for community members, who have an interest, to serve on a different committee. Marty stated that he will be adding Community Relations as a committee. The purpose of this Committee will be to inform the public of ongoing events and activities at KCS and to have the public get more involved with the school.

b) Policy Review

The Board will be looking to review and update the current KCS policies.

c) Review of 2018-2019 Region One School Calendar

Pam submitted the 2018-2019 Region One Calendar for feedback from the Board. There was discussion of concern of the half day professional development days. Marty asked that the Leadership Committee give a presentation on professional development days and how they are being utilized. Pam will be getting information to Marty pertaining to the Board joining CAFE.

**12. Comments:**

- A parent stated that she was disappointed to learn that some professional development days were being used to further the strategic plan rather than for teacher professional development.
- A parent commented that not everyone had all the information pertaining to centralized decisions using PowerSchool, and grading practices. Marty responded that he will a report on the grading conference that he will be attending.

**13. Adjourn**

Motion made by Cici Nielson to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Melissa Cherniske seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mary R. Cox, Board Clerk

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