

KENT CENTER SCHOOL

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Kent Center School Board Of Education

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KCS Scholars Awards and Reception at 6pm

Congratulations to the following KCS Scholar Award Recipients: Jun Wei Zhang, Jade Kennedy, Sofia Menniti, Max von Seufert, Will Starr, Kammi Zheng, Jacob Finch, Michael Chavka, Reegan Blore, Brennan Wilkins, Ben Raskind, Lily Scofield, Stephen Peschel, Max Foote, Maggie Raftery, Eric Zhang, Lindsay Smith, and Leah Darby. KCS is very proud of these young scholars.

The Kent Center School Board of Education held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 immediately following the Awards Ceremony in the Kent Center School library. Present were: Chairman Allan Priaulx, Vice Chairman Martin Lindenmayer, Gonzalo Garcia-Pedroso, CiCi Nielsen, Rob Ober, Dana Slaughter, Principal Florence Budge, Superintendent Pam Vogel, Assistant Superintendent Lisa Carter and Jonathan Moore. Also present were teachers Linda Miller, Michelle Mott, Kathleen Robey, Lee Sohl, and members of the public and press.

Call to order – Allan Priaulx called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**1. Approval of Agenda**

- Cici Nielsen made a motion to approve the agenda. Dana Slaughter seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Approval of the Minutes of the October 4, 2017 regular meeting**

- Martin Lindenmayer made a motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2017 meeting. CiCi Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

**3. Communications:**

- a) High School Student Report – None
- b) Comments From Public – Ed Epstein urged the Board to rescind their most recent policy for comments and bring back the old policy that allows for comments from the public.
- c) Written – None

**4. Kent Teachers Forum – None**

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

Florence shared highlights from the November Principal's Report including upcoming events at the school. A copy of her report was submitted and will be filed.

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

Jonathan reported he has been communicating with State Representative Brian Ohler and the lines of communication will be kept open. The Region One BOE will be attending the 2017 CABE/CAPSS Convention where a Level One CABE Board Leadership Award will be received. Jonathan stated that CABE is offering a discounted rate for current and upcoming board members to attend the CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. There is a CABE app that can be downloaded which outlines the convention workshop lineup.

**7. Committee Reports:**

- a) Building Committee – Martin Lindenmayer  
Marty reported small maintenance items have been taken care of. The committee is continuing to look into alternative energy. Marty hopes to attend a workshop on alternative energy in December. Florence mentioned that the pneumatic heaters malfunctioned and an estimate for repairs is being obtained.
- b) Budget – CiCi Nielsen  
CiCi reported they will start scheduling budget workshops after the New Year.
- c) Wellness – Gonzo Garcia-Pedroso  
Gonzo reported the Wellness Committee met on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Attendance for the Kids Marathon was low and they will be looking for ideas to boost attendance. The committee continues looking into a breakfast program. A survey will be going out to parents. Data has been collected from other schools in the region who currently have a breakfast program. Cici asked that teachers are polled to see how many students eat breakfast at home before they arrive to school. Alan suggested the Wellness Committee put the breakfast program high on their agenda and bring it to the board with a specific recommendation.
- d) ABC Meeting – Martin Lindenmayer  
No report due to no meeting.
- e) Grants Committee – Dana Slaughter  
Dana stated the committee is seeking requests from teachers for needs.

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

Pam read highlights from her report. A copy of her report was submitted and will be filed. Dana commented that the Region One News Letter was well done. Marty asked that upcoming KCS events get out to the community through the town's website.

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

Lisa read highlights from her report. A copy of her report was submitted and will be filed. Cici asked where we were with grading and how it is working with PowerSchool. Lisa stated that Karen Boudreau will be working with each school as far as grading changes in PowerSchool and that they will be honoring the current practices for PowerSchool. Florence reported that the Leadership Team is continuing to look at grading practices and the staff is looking at different content areas. She thanked Linda Miller and Meghan Robb for their continued work on PowerSchool regarding the new grading system.

**10. Old Business:**

- (a) Instructional Coaching Position(s) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
The second reading is postponed until the December BOE meeting.
- (b) Technology & Electronic Communication Device Acceptable Use Policy  
The Board acknowledges that the Technology & Electronic Device Acceptable Use Policy was entered into record, is available, and will be followed.

**11. New Business:**

Assistant Principal Position - The Board recommended one Assistant Principal at this time to help support the Principal.

**12. Comments Concerning Agenda Items:**

- Lynn Worthington suggested that reports read at the meetings, as well as handouts, be posted on the website along with the minutes for accessibility.
- Susan Schullery shared information about a program in education that promotes community connection and 20<sup>th</sup> century skills. Susan also commented on the breakfast program and had a few concerns. Alan thanked her for her suggestions and information.
- Kathleen Robey commented on the breakfast program. She asked the Board to consider a full time cafeteria position particularly if a breakfast program is implemented.
- Melissa Cherniske suggested that perhaps the town's Social Services Director may have funding available for the breakfast program.

**13. Adjourn**

Alan noted that this will be his last meeting as Board Chair, as new members will be elected next month. Marty asked for a round of applause in honor of Alan.

- Motion made by Martin Lindenmayer to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Cici Nielsen seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Mary R. Cox, Board Clerk