

December 3, 2019  
Kent Site Council Minutes

Attending members:

Lisa Sandberg, Grant Althouse, Roshan Kapur, Sofia Achtner, Joelle Keller, Lindsay Tonderys, Shannon Janney, Renato Beltran, Jeff Duboi, Lisa Bridges

1. Reading of the Norms

2. Minutes from November:

Lisa Sandbeg - motion to approve

Joelle Keller - second

3. District Budget - Grant Althouse

- Next Tuesday, 12/10, at the School Board meeting the first budget will be unveiled for next year.
- There will be an anticipated deficit in the budget due to the staff increase from recent contract negotiations.
- The budget will also be shown on 12/16 at the finance committee meeting, 7pm, that is open to the public. Community input will begin to be collected to address the deficit and suggestions for how to reduce.
- Discussions will continue in Jan/Feb to continue to develop ways to reduce the anticipated shortfall.
- The question was raised about what potential cuts might happen but those are unknown.
- This is not a sky is falling-moment, but shows that the district values our staff and will find other areas to reduce expenditures.
- Will likely be a multi-year discussion since the contract increase is guaranteed for this year and next.

4. Safety Committee Update - Renato Beltran

- Well attended by both schools
- Liason for Kentfield Fire was in attendance and noted that he was impressed with the new tag and ticket system. His recommendations are to add more real-life simulation to the next drill and add a spring practice. He also added suggestions for how to refine the procedure, ex. signage.
- PSPS (planned power outage) was discussed. Now the district policy is no power no school. Two school board members were in attendance and will evaluate other districts policies to see what policy should be in the future. Discussions will need to continue as to possible watch groups needed on campus, since fire alarms and other systems will potentially be disabled. Renato added input for what safety groups do as his company currently has these in place. More discussions will need to happen in the future through the board and safety committee.

- Lockdown drill evacuation practice as discussed but this would be just law enforcement and fire but will be difficult to simulate due to over engaging students. More conversations will happen for how to practice.
- There is a proposal in front of the board and superintendent to rekey the buildings or potentially move to a key card system so all staff can access rooms.

#### 5. School Update - Grant Althouse

- *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, William Kamkwamba's visit plus the movie, Saturday's activities. Student representatives said the visit was overall positive but there was some confusion due to differing parts between the books and the movie. Mr. Kamkwamba noted to Mrs. Jelen that he was impressed with the solar panels on the school. The irony wasn't lost that there was almost no power at school the day of the visit due to the winds. Kudos were given to Mr. Duboi and Mr. Pembleton for their participation with Saturday's activities. A mural will be painted on a wall facing room 25 that will highlight Mr. Kamkwamba and perseverance, 7th grade's word for the year. The mural will lead to a multi-year project for all of the grades.
- Teens in transition for 8th grade was a success. Takeaways were that it was informational, the staff was helpful and it was overall a good experience. While it is anxiety producing, at the end it seems that students are more comfortable and there were great speakers who addressed necessary topics.
- 8th grade girls' volleyball won the county championship. Tomorrow, 12/4, there will be a staff team of 14 participants who will take on the student team during advisory in front of the whole school. There will be a pennant revealed on the wall of the gym. The team started due to a group of students who rallied together to advocate for a team, recruited Mr. Gatti to coach and went on to have a successful season - all ties back to independence, legacy, perseverance and impact.
- The school will wrap up 2019 with the 2nd Annual Countdown court.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17