

February 4, 2020
Kent Site Council Minutes

Attending members:

Grant Althouse, Lisa Sandberg, Roshan Kapur, Joelle Keller, Lindsay Tonderys, Renato Beltran, Lisa Bridges, Shannon Janney, Ina Gotlieb, Kristi Burlingame, Ellie Kemos. Mike Martinez, Lisa Bridges, Jeff DuBois

1. Reading of the Norms

- Ellie Kemos

2. Minutes from January

- Lindsay Tonderys - motion to approve
- Shannon Janney – second

3. COM MAINTENANCE FACILITY -

Ina asked if there were any questions regarding the COM building. COM has built a maintenance building next to the Kent sprint track. COM did not tell the community or school what the plans were until after the buildings were up. Prior to building the facility, COM did not do an assessment of the impact on the community. There is a current lawsuit between COM and KSD regarding the potential noise pollution, the cleanliness factor, and the impact on the students learning, etc.

KSD is trying to get COM to do an EIR, to make sure they have considered every possible risk that might be involved before the facility is open. KSD started the lawsuit at the end of October due to statute of limitations, thus the lawsuit is very narrow. Since the lawsuit has started, KSD has found out additional information, such as a truck washing facility, trash storage, industrial shops within the building, planning on storing all vehicles there. When that information came to light – it opened up additional concerns.

Friends of Kentfield Kids and Creeks – They are trying to get COM to do a more thorough assessment for the \$250M bond capital improvement. No EIR's have been done on COM's other projects.

KSD is in a mediation process right now, however KSD is spending funds on the lawsuit and the board is feeling the pinch. Over 800 signatures were on the petition and KSTA just passed a resolution to get the EIR. Trying to crowd source funds to fight COM.

There is only 36 feet between the new COM buildings and Kent. These structures are 27 feet high and single story. The buildings are supposed to be sealed and contained.

4. FINANCE UPDATE -

Nearly 5% of the KSD budget needs to be cut for the 2020-2021 year, or \$1M. The district has included staff, community and parents to share comments and potential ways to cut the budget. Liz Schott has been very clear that students should not feel the impact of the budget cuts to the best of its ability. The meeting will be held next Tuesday 2/11 at 3:30 in

the Kent Library. The public can share their opinion in a 3-minute statement and the board will make the decision next week. Ina asked about turnover in the district, Bacich principal and Superintendent – have there been discussions about administrative cost cuts?

5. STEP UP DAY -

Changes were made last year – future web leaders are the only ones that come to Step Up Day instead of the entire grade. Web leaders were confused if they should stay or move with groups during the field games, thus kids got “lost” and went to random groups. Rope pulling should not be 2 hours. We should make it clear to the 4th graders who their group is and who they should be with for the day.

Is there a way to create a relationship between Step Up Day web leaders and “group kids” from Step Up Day for the August orientation?

Web leaders should be assigned to a group not to an activity.

The group could all wear “costumes” so they know what group they are in – a theme for each group.

Lunch is chaotic on Step Up Day – we need to determine a streamlined plan for all students.

Schedule for students needs to be determined. Mike Martinez goes to Bacich and discusses band at Kent and Zero period will be playing concert on Step Up Day. Therefore, 4th graders do not need to hear him speak on this day.

Grant plans to gain insight from the 5th graders this year to add input to the planning process. He will meet with Shannon Janney’s class.

6. ARTS FESTIVAL -

There has been a request to combine the TWC groups and the Arts Festival – May 29th. It would start mid-day and continue after school to open to the community after hours.

There needs to be a committee created to define and create the process. This would not be a PTA event. Ina is taking on responsibility to get a group together.

7. SCHOOL UPDATE -

In 4th Hexamester – more than half-way through the school year.

Winter concert series concludes tonight with the Choir from 7-8:30 2/4/20.

Zero waste and Eco Action club have worked to bring new waste bins to campus – kids have been much more thoughtful on their sorting. Custodial crew has seen a significant reduction in the quantity going in the landfill. The Green Team made a great informational video.

New Superintendent and Bacich Principal search; Site Council attendees were invited to share thoughts and comments on what is important in the search.

ADJOURNED at 4:35pm.