

January 7, 2020

Kent Site Council Minutes

Attending members:

Lisa Sandberg, Roshan Kapur, Zachary Baumgarten, Joelle Keller, Lindsay Tonderys, Renato Beltran, Jeff Duboi, Lisa Bridges, Shannon Janney, Ina Gotleib, Kristi Burlingame, Jenny Walsh

1. Reading of the Norms

- Roshan Kapur

2. Minutes from November:

- Joelle Keller - motion to approve
- Ina Gotleib – second

3. Future Agenda Topics/Ideas

- Christine Melbardis mentioned looking at ways for how to recognize students who are doing good things but might not be comfortable with a public recognition or are participating in something that wouldn't normally have a recognition (e.g. drama, music). Flush out further with Christine is if her thought is a tangible, showcase (science night), quiet, awards (e.g. most improved), and/or hooray cards that are currently used and sent home by teachers.
- Ina mentioned the Arts Festival and possibly forming a committee within Site Council.
- Fun lunch
- Review how the block schedule is working. Current student input is that is working. For 5th grade teachers, the block schedule is difficult with enrichments but they can tailor where their subjects are placed within their day a bit more. Enrichment teachers are enjoying the new schedule. No one enjoys the Friday afternoon classes but there doesn't seem to have a solution. From a scheduling standpoint, homework/tests are heavy M-W so the long opportunity class on Thursday is almost not as helpful as it could be if it was earlier in the week (unless you have learned how to manage your time more efficiently).
- Step Up Day. Is it going to stay the same or will there be adjustments? Goal for the day is that the 4th graders get to step onto campus and gain some comfort with Kent. Lindsay and Joelle can help since they both have 4th/7th grade students.

4. School Update – Lisa Sandberg

- Countdown Court. Fifth and sixth graders love it but seventh and eighth graders seem to still haven't bought into the change of theme. Get the word out that dressing up doesn't have to be much. The spirit committee could look into getting the word out sooner so students could know what to be prepared for, students are reticent to go to meetings because they would miss homework time on Tuesday opportunities. Could opportunities be moved to Thursday opportunities?

- Portables on the campus have been taken down. Jenny Walsh mentioned that a possible plan is to move 7th and 8th graders' bike racks to that side of campus since Kent is now gated. The PE staff will meet and discuss a vision for the space, through use of the bond money so the 7th and 8th graders can have a space like the back 50. The 7th and 8th graders cannot use the back 50 during 5th/6th lunch due to the lack of supervision coverage. Also there will be further investigation into the storage containers and possibly moving tables for breakout space for the classrooms on the side of where the portables used to be.

5. Finance Committee Meeting – Joelle Keller

- 25 people at the first meeting and 50 at Monday night's meeting.
- There is a schedule for upcoming meetings (4-5:30pm at DO on 1/16, 1/21, 1/28, 2/3, 2/10) and a google doc where anyone in the community can place questions. Look at what is mandated and discretionary based on educational code. There was also discussion/clarification for what the kik \$ goes to and how it is taken into account in the budget. The district needs to cut \$1mm from the budget and the decision needs to be completed by 3/15. Liz Schott has also discussed that the committee will come up with a presentation that will go to the board and the board will ultimately make the final decision on the cuts. Board members will be present at all of the meetings. These meetings will also create future conversations with future planning, looking at what other districts are doing, the 7 period day (Spanish and an enrichment), para professionals. 2008 was the last time

6. Meeting for Kentfield/COM discussion on 1/13 at Kent

Meeting was adjourned at 4:33