

Kent School Site Council MINUTES
December 6, 2021
3:30 – 4:30 PM
LUNCH PLAZA OUTSIDE

1. Introductions

2. Reading of Norms [Ayansh Singh](#)

3. Approval of Minutes [Tori Grigg and Lisa Sandberg](#)

4. Principal/School Update - Grant Althouse

- Student Leadership Update - [Countdown Court Planning](#) was the primary role of Student Leadership this prior month and contingency plans based on weather.

5. Committee Updates

- Finance Sub Committee -
- Meeting took place 12/1/21 - The intent of the meeting was to discuss the 5-10 year KSD Financial Plan and factors that would influence overall budget, what is in our control and not in our control and how this can be communicated to the community. Discussion focused on UTK and Food For All programs without additional funding from the state. These programs are to start 2022-2023. Brief discussion around the Parcel Tax and the expiration in 2028 and the overall impact that has on the KSD budget. As well as the upcoming Union Negotiations. Next meeting for the sub-committee is scheduled for 1/13/22 prior to the Finance Committee meeting on 1/19/22.
- Technology
- Overview of district assets, Ipads ,Chromebooks, how many and which grades. Full cataloging of inventory district wide. Concerns are around the age of our devices (older than 5 years) and their ability to facilitate CAASP testing. Defining the needs of the district as we move forward, devices and printers.. There is APP clean up that needs to happen -and determining which APP's we need or don't now that we are not on ZOOM. There is some discussion that Bacich will have IPADS and Kent will need Chromebooks. AS it appears now, 7th and 8th grade have what they need and 5th and 6th grade are in a deficit - the question is how do we resolve this, is it a change in lesson plans and coordination, is it devices for all, is it grade level, teacher based - still TBD.
- Communication
- First meeting occurred well into 2nd Trimester. Food For All (FFA) was a discussion around how this would impact PTA funds, Fun Lunch Volunteers etc. Currently PTA is focused on Fun Lunch for fundraising - might need to go back to previous years fundraising efforts (wrapping paper, magazines) in order to increase funding. This communication is on the docket for the community in early 2022.

6. Community Feedback /Site Council Work

- Homework Load - [We reviewed the homework policy established by the District and Kent as a group.](#) We asked the key question, are we following the current guidelines

set? Which is about 2 hours of homework a night - all students felt that homework was in that realm. However, the parents on site council did not feel as though homework was as onerous except for 8th grade. There was some concern about screentime and the balancing of that with homework and being on devices all day at school, then the addition of any personal screentime exceeding the limits recommended. Students appreciated the teachers who quote after 30 minutes stop, even if you are not finished - but there was some question if that was really acceptable. More work needs to be done on testing days - as there is more overlap with the rotating schedule vs previous schedule. Teachers spoke to the evolution and the grade levels working on that now that there was a significant portion of time completed in the school year to understand scheduling plusses and challenges and changes would be forthcoming. We had to pause as a group and a subcommittee would be created to further discuss.

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- Technology Committee - Site Council Input - Student feedback provide - laginess of the devices made them frustrating and ineffective in class - students would prefer to do work on their own device at home. The question/suggestion was raised, is it possible for students to bring their own device and what would that entail from the district to support and monitor that, essentially (BYOD). The point was made about the amount of time lost, logging in to school devices vs personal devices and having to clean up, refresh etc to optimize the devices.

7. December / January Upcoming District Dates

NOTE JANUARY SITE COUNCIL MEETING MOVED TO 1/11 FROM 1/4

- KSPTA Mtg 12/6 6-7pm
- KSPTA Parent ED 12/8 6:30-8:30 pm
- Safety Committee 12/13 4-5pm
- School Board Mtg 12/14 5-8pm
- Technology Committee 12/15 TBD
- Winter Break 12/18-1/2/22

2022

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- Site Council Mtg 1/11 3:30-4:30pm
- School Baord Mtg 1/11 5-8pm
- KSPTA Mtg 1/17
- Finance Committee 1/18 4-5pm
- Equity and Inclusion 1/25 4-5pm
- LCAP 1/31
- Communication Committee 2/2 4-5pm
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9. Adjourn

School Members

Grant Althouse, Principal
 Wendy Holmes, Assistant Principal

Student Members

Holly Thomas (2022)
 Charlie Poser (2022)

Lisa Sandberg
Tricia Beales (2022)
Sandy Wells (2022)
Margaret Rogers (2023)
Melissa Stephens (2023)

Ayansh Sing (2024)
Vivienne Fitzgerald (2024)
Eleanor Bentley (Alternate)
Sofia Yanni (Alternate)

Parent Members

Ina Gotlieb (2022)
Joelle Williams (2022)
Tory Grigg (2023)
Megan Hirschbein (2023)
Jennifer Hamm (2024)
Kari Cannon (2024)

**Kent School Site Council
Meeting Norms**

1. Focus on the best interests of the student
2. Work together as a team
3. Do not interrupt
4. Listen and be open to all input
5. Assume positive intentions
6. Exhibit positive body language, mannerisms, and tone of voice
7. Be respectful of all team members