

Kent School Site Council Minutes
January 11, 2022
3:30 – 4:30 PM
LUNCH PLAZA OUTSIDE - ZOOM

1. Introductions

2. Reading of Norms - Joelle Williams

3. Approval of Minutes - Tori Grigg, Jenn Hamm

4. Principal/School Update - Grant Althouse

- Grant Update - Jan 24th ends the 3rd Hexamester and half way through the school year - ALREADY! Sports officially kick off on 1/24 as well. The Youth Truth Survey will be administered soon and we are looking for valuable feedback based on the students' reality of school. Parents and staff can respond as well so that we gain as much live feedback as possible.
- Equity, Inclusion and Culturally Responsive learning in classrooms upcoming.
- Student Leadership Update - Countdown Court was a success, it was a great way to go into break and the finale was that the whole school did a dance step they learned in PE.
- SLAM (Student Leaders Anti-Racist Movement) applications are due and 75 students respondent. The goal is to educate and raise racial conscientiousness. On January 20th Laurie Watson is speaking on Equity and Inclusion.
- Ayansh raised a comment in regards to the closeness of the lunch table seating and obviously no masking while eating. Advice was that all students have the ability to move if they do not feel comfortable, as current guidelines allow no masking while eating.
- Covid protocol - First week back - 33 Students were out, each student received a note with directions to google classroom to do asynchronous work. Most students are back at school with absences still occurring, but at a normal level. Masking is back both inside and outside, challenging for sure however, all students and staff are doing it. There is a pause in schoolwide gatherings and activities, sports are limited to parents/guardians with a booster. Library unfortunately is closed as it is a central hub for before school, during and after lunch as the student count is too large and would require contact tracing. Mrs. Stephens congratulated leadership on the ability to pivot and manage, trying to avoid system wide challenges and to keep all kids at school. Tricia Beales commented on the lack of subs and challenges it poses for the staff in regards to covering additional colleagues' work. Everyone has jumped in and done so and this will continue as long as omicron continues. We all need patience, adaptability and flexibility to maintain educational expectations.
- Current guidelines are after 5 days you can come back to school on Day 6 if you test negative, if not test on Day 7, if negative you need to quarantine until Day 10.

5. Committee Updates

- Technology Feedback - Advice given that 7th/8th graders get assigned a number that corresponds to the computer and that is the only device they are allowed to use.
- Equity and Inclusion - Grant and Wendy are taking this meeting and will be engaging the parent community on this.

6. Community Feedback /Site Council Work

- Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Bulk of plan is about Emergency Preparedness. 400 pages for night time reading, however it is broken into sections (10) to make it more manageable. Feedback from Teachers, staff, Site Council and Safety Planning committee to review and provide feedback by 2/8 for the Board of Trustees and then to the county by 3/1. There are some sections that are required to be included. Wendy will send out the new student release process / tag and ticket release plan. Feedback due back to Wendy by 2/1.
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- Homework Load - subcommittee formed/ continue discussion - Joelle, Wendy, Tricia Sofia, Viviene, Ayansh on committee. There is varying feedback in regards to time, a feedback tool needs to be created and if there are any changes we need Raquel Rose to review board policy.
- Standardized grading discussion happening. Moving to Evidence based vs Letter Grade. Hall Middle school has already transitioned.
- Initial Feedback is that there should not be Monday Tests as that goes against the no homework over the weekend policy now. An effort needs to be made to coordinate tests, so they don't fall on the same days - utilizing grade level calendar. This would make school less stressful for students.

Ina Thanked staff on their behavior to keep the kids and staff safe and schools open.

7. January / February Upcoming District Dates

JANUARY

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|-------------------------|------|-------------|
| - Principal Coffee | 1/7 | 8:45-10am |
| - Site Council Mtg | 1/11 | 3:30-4:30pm |
| - School Board Mtg | 1/11 | 5-8pm |
| - MLK | 1/17 | NO SCHOOL |
| - Finance Committee | 1/18 | 4-5pm |
| - Project Homekey Forum | 1/18 | 6-7pm |
| - Technology Committee | 1/24 | 4-5pm |
| - Equity and Inclusion | 1/25 | 4-5pm |
| - LCAP | 1/31 | 4-5pm |

FEBRUARY

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| - Site Council Mtg | 2/1 | 3:30-4:30pm |
| - Communication Committee | 2/2 | 4-5pm |
| - Principal Coffee | 2/4 | 8:45-10am |
| - Safety Meeting | 2/7 | 10-11am |

- Parent Ed Event 2/10 6-8pm
- Technology Meeting 2/16 4-5pm
- PRESIDENT RECESS BREAK 2/20-2/26

9. Adjourn

School Members

Grant Althouse, Principal
 Wendy Holmes, Assistant Principal
 Lisa Sandberg
 Tricia Beales (2022)
 Sandy Wells (2022)
 Margaret Rogers (2023)
 Melissa Stephens (2023)

Student Members

Holly Thomas (2022)
 Charlie Poser (2022)
 Ayansh Singh (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

