

## **Kent Site Council Meeting Notes**

October 2, 2018

### *Attendees:*

Administration: Grant Althouse, Lisa Sandberg, Jeff DeBoi, Jenny Walsh, Lisa Bridges, Myra Anderson

Parents: Lindsay Wilson, Elizabeth Estes, Lindsay Tonderys, Kristi Burlingame. Renato Beltran

Students: Ben Resnick, Rori Anderson, Ellie Kemos, Zach Baumgarten

Marin Sanitary District Representative Present at meeting.

### **1. Zero Waste Report:**

Have 23 schools in zero waste program in the county. Bacich in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of program. Performs waste audit. Creates green teams. Determines ways to improve waste diversion at the site. Program is 1 year intensive. Then a follow up every year.

Bacich doing a great job with waste diversion, system and green team.

Most schools nearby don't have Good Earth. Seems to be a good lunch program.

Kent has sorting and land fill distribution of foods. Suggested Kent can make improvement regarding use of reusable green plates and cutlery for lunch program at Kent.

Could possibly have voluntary use of bento boxes. Will discuss with Good Earth what options might be.

Highest use of Fun Lunch is Mondays and Fridays. Serving nearly half of the school through Fun Lunch on certain days.

Have eco-action club at Kent which might be able to be used as support for this work.

Have to clarify with students where to put lunch plates and cutlery. Students reported some confusion regarding what to put where. Could color code and put pictures on trash cans. Need follow up in this area.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Bacich were given bamboo utensils. If they forget them at Bacich, they are giving them birch wood utensils.

Can work with Good Earth and PTA regarding use of green plates and utensils.

Also need to ensure clarity regarding disposal of pizza boxes.

Discussion of recycle bins in classrooms. Teacher was told only thing that can go in bin is recycled paper. Not cardboard. Need clarity on this for staff.

Student suggested that every trash can have a recycle bin next to it so that students use both bins regularly and don't just defer to closest bin.

Can start process now at Kent and officially enroll Kent next year in county program. Can also include staff training and observe lunch to gather information regarding what is happening now. Students reported pictures of what goes where on bins would be very helpful.

The county work does include site clarity regarding green waste and disposal even when school is not in session. Evenings and weekends. Messaging can go out to community as well.

Student recommended possible green waste "game" for campus where there are prizes for cleaning up campus. Maybe use green team for volunteer hours for zero waste, with prizes and incentives.

Just also started working with Ross Valley Little League regarding zero waste.

Marin Sanitary will follow up with site regarding work beginning this year.

## **2. Kent Safety Committee Report – Lindsey Wilson**

Made decision to remove outdoor fire pulls on campus as a safety measure. Most of the time they are activated it is a false alarm. Firemen reported 4 false alarm calls from District just at Kent last year.

Instead of outdoor fire poles, announcement will be made, and there will be interior pull stations on campus. There also continue to be sensors and other processes on campus that would detect fire should there be one. Also nearly

everyone has cell phones now which are used in case of emergency. Redwood High School and other schools have adopted this practice as well.

Another new safety practice is 4 defibrillators on campus. One in Kent gym, Kent office, District Office, and Community Center at Bacich.

Emergency maps are also being updated.

Thursday October 18 will be an evacuation drill at both schools. Will need student and parent volunteers for drill.

Have replaced food bars and barrels of water so they are fresh for disaster preparedness.

### **3. Principal's Report**

Rounded off September and Principal and VP visited every Kent class so they could share expectations for the year.

Just had student council elections last Wednesday. Speeches via opportunities broadcast and then a vote.

Ashley Ball – Sargent at Arms

Alexander Golden, Casper Wilson - Treasurer

Zach Baumgarten, Sarani Puri- Secretary

Maddie Eaton, Gabriella Levi – Vice Presidents

Arjun Aujla and Ben Resnick – Presidents

This week is Be the Change Week at Kent. Whole school assembly in gym. Featured web leaders in the gym. Theme was understanding differences through journey. Professional journey. Immigration journey. Student journeys.

Be the Change continued this week. Continuing with theme of journeys with students identifying their personal journeys. Building awareness regarding empathy and understanding for others in their lives – and empowerment towards change for others.

Question was raised how students and school are going to use their journey maps. Some students wanted to keep their journey roadmap private, others will be given the opportunity to share. Both options are welcome. Once students got

started, everyone seemed very engaged and into it. Students reported meaning they got from teachers' stories. And the information sharing was connecting for the students and teachers. Discussion regarding how identifying our journey often involves exploring our hurdles and challenges in our lives, big and small, and how we can learn from those challenges as they are an inevitable part of life.

Friday is day off. Intake conferences for teachers. Conferences will be this Wednesday and Friday.

#### **4. Community Service Collective Impact Effort at Kent**

E Estes briefly shared collective impact community service concept for Kent and organizational structure. Proposal to roll it out in Fall for initial Spring events. Fall would be used for planning.

E Estes and K Burlingame will follow up on this with site and parents.