

Kent Middle School  
Site Council Meeting Notes  
12/4/18

1. Back 50 Renovation

Vincent Lattanzio – Architect  
Lyanne Schuster – Architect

- Update from architects regarding planning renovation.
- Last summery met with 5<sup>th</sup> graders re Back 50 to obtain input.
- Fall PE interface to ensure PE program needs were met and able to inform the new plans.
- Would like to start construction next summer.
- Site council reviewed the plans to date.
- There are numerous new seating areas, basketball and pickle ball courts.
- Working to improve and ensure proper drainage of area.
- Will also be working with site re plantings.
- Have meeting with Superintendent and will be developing budget. Can be phased as well.
- Do have to ensure and review accessibility of area.
- Would like to have further decisions by February.
- Any comments to plans should go to site principal, Grant.
- Students expressed excitement about plans and swings and new play structures. Discussed plan for spinners as well. All will be further considered as plans finalize.

Kallie Kugan from McCarthy attended

- General Hospital added input and may be able to assist with development to give back with time and/or direct support. Further discussions will be held about those possibilities.

2. Principal's Report

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of second trimester today.
- Fun to see: Project Runway, Td Talks, Drama Production, Authors Chair and KQED publications.
- Last two weeks a challenge with air quality. School was closed for a day and lunches have been in class, but improving now.
- Shortened Teens in Transition. Students reported speakers were amazing and it was interesting to participate in this.
- Monday start all school read of Refugee or read alike books. New schedule for these two weeks of December. PTA supporting author to come in May and for supplemental books.

- Special schedule Tuesday December 18 for dance assembly. Teaching swing and other dances to all students who will then perform them. Students reported how fun this is.
- Last Day of School is New Years celebratory event. Silver and gold theme instead of Candy Court.. DJ. Students expressed that this is new, but think it will be fun for everyone to have something new and that the change will be good.
- Staff Updates:
  - Mr. Kelly is retiring. Mary Ellen Gore starting for PE.
  - Ms. Canon left in Fall and interviewing new teachers now.
  - Ms. Shaw, counselor, will be going out on maternity leave and Ms. Taylor will start.
  - Also have new school nurse.

### 3. Book Drive for Laurel Dell

- Would be helpful to have assistance raising support for book drive and purchasing books.
- December 12 deadline now, but may be extended.
- Any support for this effort is greatly appreciated and should be directed to Ms. Jelen.