

Board Meeting of Kaleidoscope APC

Date: Jan. 8, 2020	Location: Kaleidoscope Library
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Attendance Log:

Board Members				Staff	
X	Liz Burck	X	Tony Munter (arr.4:26)		Dawn Grimm, Mary Blossom, Joy Harper, Jan Darch
X	Crista Cady	X	Nicole Sheldon		
X	Rinna Carson	X	Stacy Tronnier	Guests	
X	Julie Laker		Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Patti Truesdell, Dan Castimore

Legend: X - present E - excused absence T - teleconference V - video conference

Topic	Information - Finds - Conclusions - Recommendations
Call to Order	Liz called the meeting to order at 4:24 p.m.
Introduction / Mission Statement	Rinna read the KSAS mission and Board introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes	Crista moved to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2019 meeting. Nicole Seconded. Unanimous approval.
Approval of Agenda	<p>Rinna moved to amend the Agenda to add under Discussion Item 10.C. <i>The KPBSD proposal for the charter school administrator evaluation process</i>. Tony seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Crista moved to approve the agenda as amended. Nicole Seconded. Unanimous approval.</p>
Board Acknowledgements 11:22	Rinna would like to acknowledge Mrs. Grimm for succeeding in finding a school band director.
Public Comment	Mrs. Grimm is happy to have audience members and welcomed Patti Truesdell from the school board. Mrs. Truesdell explained she is new to the school board and still learning, but happy to be here as the board representative for charter schools.
Principal's Report 13:15	<p>a. <i>Staff Updates</i> – Rebecca Brown has joined us as a long-term sub for the remainder of the school year. She will be in Mrs. Stroh's room, even upon the return of Mrs. Stroh. She comes with several years of experience and a positive attitude. Also, as already mentioned Sue Biggs is our band teacher and has joined us as a long-term sub. The position will soon be posted on the website and she will apply for that. We still have our nurse position open, and have two qualified applicants. We should be closing that position this week. Liz asked if Sue Biggs has started yet. Dawn explained she began</p>

	<p>working before winter break, meeting with students and parents, and helping them select instruments.</p> <p>b. <i>Enrollment</i> – Current enrollment is at 259, we had a student transfer to another school over break. K-40, 1st-41, 2nd-45, 3rd-42, 4th-43, 5th-48.</p> <p>c. <i>Budget</i> – Dawn presented the current budget update to the APC. Noting the \$114,212 remaining funds to spend does not have the long-term sub positions or other sub jobs. The Variquest equipment has arrived and Mrs. Weeks has spent time the last couple of days getting that set up and operational. Also regarding the budget, we still do not know what the governor’s budget impact will be. We may have some changes, but at this time we don’t know what those are.</p> <p>d. <i>Events</i> – Jan. 8 – Wrestling Unit began today with Mr. Boonstra and Coach Stan Jan. 14-15 - Administrator ALICE Training at Challenger Center in conjunction with local law enforcement Jan. 16 - Principal calibration day with other charter school principals, held at Kaleidoscope this year Jan. 17 – Re-Enrollment forms sent home with report cards and due back February 21st. Jan. 20-31 – Artist in Residence, Crystal Soyangco, coming in to teach Hawaiian hula dance. Also, she will be doing a Saturday morning family dance. She’s going to check her schedule and get a date set. Feb. 5 - Kindergarten Connection night at 5:30 pm. There is also an APC meeting, so this is a good chance for the APC to be involved too. The Kinder Connection will start in the music room and move to the gym for a potluck. This would be a good time for us to talk with kindergarten parents and encourage them to join the APC. Feb. 10-17 – Book Fair Feb. 11 – 5th Grade Battle of the Books Feb. 13 – 3rd/4th Grade Battle of the Books Feb. 14 & 17 – Parent Teacher Conferences Feb. 21 – Re-enrollment forms are due by 4:00 pm Feb. 28 – Lottery Application deadline by 4:00 pm</p> <p>The lottery date has been set for March 18, and is confirmed with the attorneys. We will do Kinder visitations the middle of April, the radio ad will start playing shortly. Every Tuesday in February, I will be doing the 9:30 tours, and we’re going to do a parent night on February 18th. We have lots of events going on second semester and plenty of opportunities for families and community members to get involved.</p>
<p>Committee / Project Reports 25:15</p>	<p>a. <i>Greenhouse</i> – Nicole shared the staff has formed a committee for the greenhouse. Nicole is in contact with Heidi Chay and they are working on an agricultural grant to submit. Other resources are within the indoor gardening curriculum. The timeline is to have that finished by the end of January and other items in February. Right now we want to dive deep into the curriculum so we can get set by March and get ready for planting and hands on learning.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. <i>Entry Art</i> - (Shala Dobson Project) – The entry art was going to be installed over winter break, but it had to be postponed due to a housing issue. It’s not confirmed, but we are aiming for Feb. 14-17, during P/T Conferences so they have the 4 day weekend with no kids at school for the installation. They do have the materials ready to install, but the extreme cold weather is not helpful with the installation process. We did extend the MOA out through the end of March, so we are covered passed spring break if necessary. c. <i>Evaluation Committee</i> (Liz, Julie, Nicole and Tony) – Liz noted the second week in December she did meet with Dawn and Mr. O’Brien. They discussed the evaluation forms completed, and that was very productive and went well. There is a deadline by which the APC board has to approve the contract for the principal, and because it is a personnel issue, we will move into an Executive Session after the regular meeting tonight. d. <i>Budget Committee</i> (Liz, Rinna, Crista, and Stacy) – The budget committee has not met since that last regular meeting, so no updates to report.
<p>Discussion Items 30:22</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Principal Contract Timeline</i> – We do have to have something to KPBSD by the end of January. Again, we will move into Executive Session once we get our discussion items done and through public comments. b. <i>Change of Date for May APC Meeting</i> – Dawn said in discussion with the staff, one of the things realized was a conflict with the 5th grade play and the APC meeting scheduled for May 6th. The May 6th date is the only date available for our 5th grade play over at the high school. With the conflict, we were hoping to move the APC meeting to the following Wednesday. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to change the May 6th meeting to May 13th. c. <i>The KPBSD Administrator Evaluation Process related to charter schools</i> – Specifically relates to the language in Item number 5 that might be a little problematic for our specific makeup, charter school and APC. Item number 5 states: <i>Any members of charter school staff (classified or certified) who serve on the Academic Policy Committee shall recuse themselves from any votes, discussions, or other Academic Policy Committee proceedings pertaining to the administrator’s salary, contract, evaluation, and termination.</i> Rinna explained as it stands now we do not have a general APC discussion on salary or contract. However, we do evaluate our administrator as a committee being that half our committee is comprised of staff members. A big part of our philosophy is collaboration between our different user groups. Rinna said her assessment of this proposed policy goes against the way our charter is set up with approval from the State. With this proposed language being forwarded to the school board, should we come up with a stronger statement to inform them how problematic this would be to our APC? Discussion was brought forward by Dan Castimore from the audience, and he shared this policy came out of the Anchorage School District last year. There were a number of contentious issues with charter schools in Anchorage with staff members evaluating the principal, and what’s the likelihood that a principal will fairly evaluate a teacher that can potentially fire them. That was the significant concern that came out of Anchorage and why this language was brought forward. Liz reminded the board going back to the meeting held on Nov. 20, she offered up our argument and it got shut down. The suggestion from Mr. Castimore would be for the APC

	<p>as a whole to take official action. To write something either to the whole school board or the policy committee that exactly outlines the concerns. Liz suggested the board do a little research, converse with each other, get some ideas, and she will add this to next month's agenda. 32:40</p>
Public Comment 42:38	<p>Mrs. Truesdell has enjoyed the meeting and has given her ideas to think about. She stated she is new to the school board and is learning. She notified the APC she is assigned to charter schools and will be attending lots of meetings, and encouraged members to call her at any time.</p> <p>Mr. Castimore brought up discussion from the school board regarding the idea of a four-day school week. Although it seems very unlikely that it will go anywhere in the next year, it might be a good idea to start discussing amongst the APC board.</p>
Board Comment/Announcements	<p>Rinna brought up for next month's agenda is elections for open seats. Julie's parent rep and Crista's staff seats are both up for election.</p> <p>Julie will compose an announcement and forward it to Mary and Dawn for advertising.</p>
Notice of Next Meeting & Adjournment	<p>Rinna moved for the APC board to go into Executive Session to discuss the principal contract and meet the end of January deadline. Julie seconded. Unanimous approval.</p> <p>Next meeting is Wednesday, February 5, 2020 @ 4:15 p.m. in the library.</p> <p>Liz adjourned the regular meeting at 5:18 p.m.</p>