

## Board Meeting of Kaleidoscope APC

Date: Feb. 5, 2020	Location: Kaleidoscope Library
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Attendance Log:

Board Members				Staff	
X	Liz Burck	X	Tony Munter		Dawn Grimm, Mary Blossom, Joy Harper
X	Crista Cady	X	Nicole Sheldon		
X	Rinna Carson	X	Stacy Tronnier	Guests	
X	Julie Laker		Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Patti Truesdell arrived 4:22 p.m.

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 4:17 p.m.
Introduction / Mission Statement	Tony read the KSAS mission and Board introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes	Crista moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting. Rinna Seconded. Unanimous Consent  Rinna moved to approve the minutes of the Special Session board meeting on January 8, 2020. Tony Seconded. Unanimous consent
Approval of Agenda	Liz suggested to add Discussion Item C – Money reimbursement to Julie for the purchase of a welcome back gift.  Discussion Item D – Parent and Staff Evaluations of the principal, spring surveys  Rinna moved to approve the agenda as amended. Julie Seconded. Unanimous consent.
Board Acknowledgements <span style="color: red;">8:55</span>	Crista would like to thank the Art Committee, specifically Robyn Zinszer and Mrs. Grimm for the wonderful Artist in Residence, celebrating the artistry and culture of Hawaii. Friday’s informance was magical. Liz acknowledged the staff for taking part in the dancing.  Liz also acknowledged the artwork in the entryway. It’s an amazing addition and makes a huge difference.
Public Comment	Mrs. Truesdell shared some information about an upcoming Juneau trip and planned meeting with legislators. She reported there are quite a few specific bills related to education and charter schools as well. She is interested in anything we have to bring to her.
Principal’s Report <span style="color: red;">12:44</span>	a. <i>Staff Updates</i> – We have a special education aide position, Dawn explained we are currently breaching our maximum pupil/teacher ratio. She shared we do have money in the budget for an Instructional Aide – and thinks we will for next year - to help meet the minutes for those students. We are looking at the schedules of our resource teacher currently, and then we will determine if a full or part-time position would be best. Dawn stated she wanted to speak with the APC about this before anything was posted

because it does involve the budget piece as well. Right now there are ongoing budget talks, and the possibility of attacking the Base Student Allocation, which is where we get a large majority of our funding. We may have to look at classified staffing for next year. Because students with special education needs are protected federally, that position is one that we would have to keep to make sure those minutes are being met.

Crista asked Dawn where she thought about putting the aide. Dawn explained the person would go in Mrs. Krimmel's room. Dawn also said there is room in Mrs. Boyle's space for the other part-time aides if they wanted to use that.

Liz asked Dawn to clarify if a special education aide had to be certified in Special Ed? Dawn explained there are different pay ranges for instructional aides. If an employee is working with more SpEd students, the aide could grieve that with their union stating they are not being compensated fairly when spending more of their day working with a higher number of SpEd students. The aide position is classified, not certified. Dawn also confirmed the school has a higher number of special education students, plus potentially six more could be added soon. She explained the process to identify as SpEd has a 75-day window from the pre-eval process to the final determination. Rinna shared in subbing in other area schools, there typically is a resource teacher for K-2 and another for grades 3-5 and each teacher may have two or more aides in their classroom.

- b. *Enrollment* – Current enrollment is at 257, K-40, 1<sup>st</sup>-39, 2<sup>nd</sup>-45, 3<sup>rd</sup>-42, 4<sup>th</sup>-43, 5<sup>th</sup>-48. Expected to have an additional student soon. We had a student leave and is about to return by spring break.
- c. *Budget* – Dawn presented the current budget to update the APC and given to her by the district finance director, Elizabeth Hayes. You will notice it went up from last month, and the reason it went up was January was the month we had to shake out all the insurance changes. Noting the \$132,756 remaining funds to spend down by the end of the school year. In that budget would also contain our substitute costs as well as some for professional development. There may also be some greenhouse expenditures, mainly supplies. The PTA also still has some money set aside for the greenhouse, about \$2,000. Rinna asked for clarification given the 2% salary increase negotiated for next year. Dawn explained some of that 2% will come out of the spend down figure, but not a significant amount.

Crista asked if the staff have any PD plans before the end of the year. Dawn will be talking to the committee (Sara, Cindy and Kelly) and staff about and future plans. We've talked about bringing somebody up from Fountas and Pinnell, and purchasing some materials for that program. The math committee is also reviewing the math curriculum, and possibly would be purchasing some math curriculum, which wouldn't cost more than what we have allocated. If the math committee decides to change curriculum, we would have to get a trainer in for that.

Dawn also shared we still don't know the impact of the governor's budget. She did share the state has done an incredible job of providing daily updates. Dawn will also be sharing with the staff next week about the Alaska Reads Act. It will have impacts, it will force retention on students that aren't

	<p>proficient on standardized tests. There is also talk about the programs they are trying to eliminate, the online libraries, arts in education and other areas. They still haven't delved into that Base Student Allocation and that's really what we are waiting for. Also, on February 19<sup>th</sup> – KPBSD is holding a public budget forum meeting at KCHS at 6:00. They are also going to be doing the coffee and conversation meetings with the superintendent.</p> <p>d. <i>Events</i> – After the staff meeting last week, Dawn also attended the evening PTA meeting. The PTA would like to incorporate the 15-year celebration with a BBQ on May 15. Discussed possibly having a band come in, Matt Boyle is at the school and maybe his band would provide music, or possibly our own band students. Looked at having it outside and possibly incorporating a carnival piece with the celebration, and include a slide show inside. The APC agreed to the May 15 date.</p> <p>Yesterday was our first school tour, they were very excited about our school. Asked lots of questions and the kids were inquisitive. Received comments about our calm environment and the good behaviors.</p> <p>Feb. 5 – Kindergarten Connection Potluck was cancelled. Lots of sickness and absenteeism going around.</p> <p>Feb. 10-17 – Book Fair</p> <p>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are going to the Senior Center and Jumpin' Junction</p> <p>Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> – Jump Rope for Heart assembly</p> <p>Feb. 11 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books</p> <p>Feb. 13 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Battle of the Books</p> <p>Feb. 14 &amp; 17 – Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>Feb. 18 – Parent Information Night at 5:30</p> <p>Feb. 19 – Public Budget Forum at KCHS</p> <p>Feb. 20 – Advanced Band concert, Mrs. Biggs</p> <p>Feb. 21 – Re-enrollment forms are due by 4:00 pm</p> <p>Feb. 28 – Lottery Application deadline at 4:00 pm</p> <p>Liz appreciates the Events and how thorough and important the Report is to the APC.</p> <p>Crista also added to the events the 3/4 end of quarter celebration performances on March 3 since it will occur before the next APC meeting.</p>
<p>Committee / Project Reports 38:08</p>	<p>a. <i>Greenhouse</i> – Nicole shared the staff has created a greenhouse committee and held a meeting. They created a proposal for a type of Soil and Conservation Grant with Heidi Chay. Currently in the process of getting some grow lamps so we can get some starts growing right after spring break. Also spoke about Ag in the Classroom through UAF, including all day professional development training on March 6. This will be open to other schools that have greenhouses. No charge for the training. Also, we can have access to other resources including books that were purchased with last year's money. We will also pursue other resources in the community, there is a gardening club we can get in touch with. Dawn mentioned we are likely to enter into an MOA with Ridgeway Farms to consult with and help get the greenhouse going. PTA has over \$1,900 in funds set aside to assist with the greenhouse.</p> <p>b. <i>Entry Art</i> - (Shala Dobson Project) – It's up! The new school sign itself is not part of Shala's Project. We are working with the Borough, so we are waiting</p>

	<p>for maintenance to drill for electricity and install the sign. We do not have a date set.</p> <p>c. <i>Evaluation Committee</i> (Liz, Julie, Nicole and Tony) – Liz shared she never did hear back from District Office. Dawn believes charter school administrator contracts are in March.</p> <p>d. <i>Budget Committee</i> (Liz, Rinna, Crista, and Stacy) – The Budget Committee has not met since the last regular meeting, so no updates to report. Stacy said Debra Boyle would like to be added to the budget committee. It was explained she is able to attend the public budget meetings, but cannot attend the APC committee meetings.</p> <p>Dawn explained there really isn't anything remaining for the budget committee to come together for. She said they may have to meet if there were any cuts to classified staff.</p>
<p>Discussion Items 49:33</p>	<p>a. <i>KPBSD proposed changes to administrator evaluation protocols</i> – Liz updated the APC she met with Mr. Jones on Monday. She presented a document sharing the background and comments to the meeting. Her comments at the meeting was that she shared the feedback and background of our charter school for the last 15 years, including the most recent charter application last year. It was brought to the district and school board, it was read and approved. Mr. Jones stated it was a systematic change and emphasized that impartiality was the building issue. When Liz pressed for specific answers, Mr. Jones stated he would have to seek the opinion of the borough attorney for guidance.</p> <p>b. <i>Procedure/Timeline for filling the upcoming APC Community Representative and Staff Seat C</i> – Currently held by Julie and Crista. Julie will work with Mary on getting the public notifications out. The call for bios will go out with the Friday Folders on February 13 (no school on the 14<sup>th</sup>), deadline for bios is February 28. The target date to mail the ballots out will be after spring break, by March 20. The deadline to receive ballots will be April 3. Same timeline for the Staff Seat. The board made plans to set up a table for the various surveys and include the information to anyone interested in possibly joining the APC.</p> <p>c. <i>Money reimbursement to Julie</i> - Julie purchased a card, vase and flowers for Kelli Stroh's return part time to the classroom. The APC board amongst themselves will refund Julie for the expenditures.</p> <p>d. <i>Parent and Staff Evaluations of the principal</i> - Parent, Staff and Principal evaluations will tie in with the beginning of the year goal setting. Dawn will still get a summative evaluation from Mr. O'Brien before the end of the school year.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p>Mrs. Truesdell thanked the APC board. She commented on the greenhouse and how great a project it is. The district school board has committed to six elementary counselors that will move around and be itinerant. They will be looking at the emotional needs, identify them and catch the kids that are struggling when they are young. Subbing is a big problem around the district, and also the need for nurses. We</p>

	are losing families from our district because of intensive needs. The school board has also issued a bond package asking for support from the community to repair some of our schools that have 30+ year old systems. Call her with any concerns.
Board Comment/Announcements	<p>Rinna would like to acknowledge a few of our Kaleidoscope alumni. Makenzie Harden, KMS 6<sup>th</sup> grader, won the school wide spelling bee; Elijah Cooper and Robert Carson are both representing Kenai Middle School in a math competition. Plus a few of our Kaleidoscope athletes, Sawyer Vann and Jaxson Young won their wrestling tournament; Jack Laker, Chase Laker and Greg Fallon placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the cross country ski meet, Mya Taylor placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for girls. Tyler Hippchen took 4<sup>th</sup> at the meet in Seward and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the meet in Kenai. Our Kaleidoscope kids are doing well in both the academic arena and sports as well, and just very well-rounded kids.</p> <p>Dawn shared Ruby Davis won the National Geographic Bee for our school. Next she will take a qualifying test to see if she will go on to Anchorage.</p> <p>Ella Siemers won a statewide Water is Life competition for Artistry.</p> <p>Sources of Strength held a sticker contest - Ruby Davis, Gracee Every, and Sable Wolverton had their drawings presented to the school board at last month's meeting.</p> <p>Liz called on the board to attend the parent information night on Feb. 18, if possible.</p>
Notice of Next Meeting & Adjournment	<p>Next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 2020 @ 4:15 p.m. in the library.</p> <p>Liz adjourned the regular meeting at 5:50 p.m.</p>