

Board Meeting of Kaleidoscope APC

Date: Feb. 15, 2021	Location: Kaleidoscope, Library in person + Zoom due to COVID-19
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Attendance Log:

Board Members				Staff	
V	Todd Boonstra	V	Tony Munter (5:58)	P	Dawn Grimm, Mary Blossom
P	Liz Burck (Chair)	V	Nicole Sheldon	P	Joy Harper, Crista Cady
V	Rinna Carson	E	Kelsey Short	Guests	
V	Julie Laker		Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Jodi Dura, Erin Sansotta, Matt Morse Board of Education

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

Topic	Information - Finds - Conclusions - Recommendations
Call to Order	Liz called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. via Zoom conferencing
Mission Statement / Introductions	Todd read the KSAS mission and Board introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes	Julie moved to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. Nicole seconded. Unanimous consent
Approval of Agenda	Rinna moved to approve the February 15, 2021 agenda. Nicole seconded. Unanimous consent
Board Acknowledgements 8:58	<p>Nicole share the classroom teachers are excited to be offering in person conferences coming up this week. We've been working on assessments and continuing our incredible journey to space.</p> <p>Todd reported he just finished a 2-week archery unit in P.E. with 1st through 5th grade.</p> <p>Mr. Morse asked if there was an option for bow certification for the older students. Todd said his unit focuses on introduction to archery.</p>
Public Comment 12:15	<p>Joy Harper shared she was here to listen in and happy to join.</p> <p>Dawn shared Valentine celebrations were fun and today we started our Love of Reading week. Classrooms are decorating their doors as a favorite book, and it's just nice to see their excitement.</p>
Principal's Report 14:15	<p>a. <i>Staff Update</i> – Certified teacher contracts went out; non-tenured teachers are without a contract at this time. Dawn will update the APC of any changes. Also, temporary aides may need to be something we add to help support students in the classroom with academic support for the remainder of this school year.</p> <p>b. <i>Enrollment and Class Configurations</i> – Currently at 223, K=44, 1st=41, 2nd=31, 3rd=42, 4th=35, 5th=30. We still have about 35 students in remote learning. Re-enrollment deadline is Friday, Feb. 19th at 4:00 p.m. Lottery applications are</p>

	<p>still coming in, and that deadline is February 26th at 4:00 p.m. The lottery will be held on March 17th.</p> <p>c. <i>Budget</i> – Dawn reported funds remaining to be expended by June 1 is at \$8,911.00, but will likely be higher since utilities have been over-estimated. She further clarified the funding for the temp aide and supplies (masks, sanitizers, etc.) are already reflected in the budget figures.</p> <p>Negotiations have begun on a new agreement, but no updates at this point. The budget processes will begin at the district and state levels. Superintendent O’Brien is working with a team to encourage the borough assembly to get the funding necessary to help with the over \$11 million gap. Dawn further explained the goal of reaching our 260 approved enrollment. This will allow the school to avoid staffing cuts as long as we reach 260 students. However, depending on other school enrollments and staffing levels, it could lead to a transfer. All scenarios depend on which teachers return their contracts or retire, and the final staffing numbers at other schools.</p> <p>d. <i>Upcoming Events</i> –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guests and events are now being allowed with strict mitigation plans and approval from the district level. We can do field trips as well, with mitigation plans. It’s exciting to allow parents to come to the building for in person conferences, they will just have to follow our mitigations we have in place. 2. February 17th Early release - first one of this school year is this Wednesday 3. February 18th-19th P/T Conferences Thursday and Friday 4. February 19th Re-enrollment form deadline by 4:00 p.m. 5. February 26th Lottery application deadline by 4:00 p.m. 6. March 17th Lottery at 4:15 p.m. 7. Love of Reading events this week and next <p>Mrs. Stroh and Mrs. Hurst are planning an ice fishing study trip.</p> <p>Rinna inquired about an Artist in Residence coming into the school. Dawn explained those projects are planned far in advance, so that is not likely. The school is planning to do some work with Ridgeway Farms to help start the greenhouse. The school has purchased jump start kits for each of the classrooms to help with seedling growth.</p>
<p>Committee / Project Reports 36:14</p>	<p>a. <i>Greenhouse</i> – Nicole shared she spent a day with Abby Ala (her mom) and said Abby spent time researching plants that can grow in a short period, like 8 weeks. Mrs. Ala is putting together a notebook of activities that children can do. The seeds have been ordered and should be here to plant after spring break. The greenhouse will not be operational over the summer. There is quite a lot of planning happening such as compost and fertilizer for the soil.</p> <p>The board discussed budget costs and if the PTA has funds to help support the greenhouse. Dawn shared with the board the PTA sponsored a Color Run last school year, with the revenue earned dedicated to the greenhouse. There is money with the PTA, but there is not an active board at this time. The school is promoting parent involvement to get a board in place.</p>

	<p>Moving forward there is not a definitive plan, but Nicole said her mom is teaching her and Nicole said she will then share the knowledge with the staff. Also, Heidi Chey has some resources for us we can use from last year’s inservice. Dawn said the school would get a temp sub so Nicole would be free to work with other staff members. There is a lot of hands on work and manual labor that needs to happen. Committees need to get up and running so there is more people helping.</p> <p>b. Evaluation Committee – Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Budget Committee – Nothing to report.</p>
<p>Discussion Items 48:50</p>	<p>a. <i>Updates on Enrollment Lottery</i> - Mary reported 49 lottery applications have been received to date. Dawn shared she anticipated having a fall lottery. Our goal is to reach the 260 enrollment. There may be some adjustment depending on what numbers look like per grade in terms of classroom configurations.</p> <p>b. <i>Updates on APC Parent Rep and Staff Rep Election</i> – Liz reported she has not received any email or notification for parent or staff representation. Nicole will send out an email to staff and ask for interest and to email Liz with their name, background and interest statement.</p> <p>c. <i>Review of Bylaws Revision / Set Date for Next Work Session</i> – Liz compiled information from the original bylaws as well as discussions with Ms. Burley. Liz asked the board to review what she has compiled, and wants feedback and input. The board will meet Monday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. in a work session to continue the bylaw revisions.</p>
<p>Public Comment 1:07:45</p>	<p>Jodi Dura commented on the great job teachers are doing with remote learning and keeping kids engaged on a computer screen.</p> <p>Mr. Morse said to keep in mind the public budget meetings and to get involved. The borough proposed \$7 million less from last year; however, the final number won’t be out until mid-April. Combined right now between state and borough funding, the district is looking at about \$15 million less than normal allocations. He encouraged stakeholders to contact their borough assembly member to let them know how essential education is. Mr. Morse also reported school staff that are immune compromised that have not yet been vaccinated for COVID will be able to sign up.</p> <p>Dawn said it has been an incredible journey this year for our parents and families. We appreciate the support of our families, and it is wonderful to be able to finally make personal connections with them.</p>
<p>Board Comment/Announcements</p>	<p>Julie expressed thanks and support for the remote learning option for her son. Cindy Hurst is his teacher and is doing an amazing job.</p> <p>Rinna said she hopes to inspire and encourage parents to run for the APC seat that she will soon vacate. She expressed it really is worth it to be part of an entity that tries its best to move forward in the direction of our charter and what our school stands for.</p>

	Liz shared her excitement in being able to share about space exploration and its impact to Mrs. Hurst's remote learning students. She appreciated the opportunity and invitation.
Executive Session, if needed	Not needed
Notice of Next Meeting & Adjournment	Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 4:15 p.m. Liz adjourned the regular meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Un-Adopted