

Board Meeting of Kaleidoscope APC

Date: May 13, 2021	Location: Kaleidoscope, Library in person + Zoom due to COVID-19
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Attendance Log:

Board Members				Staff	
P	Todd Boonstra	V	Tony Munter		Mary Blossom, Sara Boersma, Kelli Stroh
P	Liz Burck (Chair)	P	Nicole Shelden		
P	Rinna Carson	P	Kelsey Short ex @ 5:00	Guests	
V	Julie Laker		Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Matt Morse, Patti Truesdell, Erin Sansotta

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 4:20 p.m.
Mission Statement / Introductions	Rinna read the KSAS mission and Board introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes	Rinna moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting. Kelsey seconded. Unanimous consent
Approval of Agenda	Kelsey moved to approve the May 13, 2021 agenda. Todd seconded. Unanimous consent
Board Acknowledgements 8:02	<p>Rinna noted seeing pictures of the 1st and 2nd grade field trip and is very happy to see the school moving towards a little more normalcy.</p> <p>Liz acknowledged the retirement of Jan Darch, she will be missed by the school. Also, Ryan Martin is leaving at the end of the school year, and wish her good luck as well.</p> <p>Liz also shared a personal letter and submitted her letter of resignation as community representative, and announced to the board she will be stepping down effective at the end of this month.</p>
Public Comment 11:47	Kelli Stroh shared the greenhouse has been amazing and thank you to Nicole Shelden for organizing all the work involved. Kelli's remote learning students participated in releasing the salmon. Also, her class met yesterday at the greenhouse and then went to the beach. She had a really great year with her students.
Principal's Report 13:22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Staff Update</i> – Dawn could not be in attendance. The one primary and two intermediate positions are still open. Kelsey shared several interviews have been conducted; candidates that were graded the highest unfortunately accepted positions at other schools. The class configurations for next year have not been determined. b. <i>Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year</i> – Projected Enrollment: 251 of 260 K=38, 1st=47, 2nd=44, 3rd=35, 4th=49, 5th=38. c. <i>Budget</i> – The budget currently projected is a negative (\$816).

	<p>d. <i>Upcoming Events</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * May 14th – Bike Rodeo for 3rd-5th grades * May 14th – APC BBQ – 5:00 pm * May 17th – D.A.R.E. Graduation, virtual at 2:00 pm * May 18th – 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony * May 19th – Last day of school; Beach Day
<p>Committee / Project Reports 23:22</p>	<p>a. <i>Greenhouse</i> – Nicole shared the excitement of her and Sara’s classes harvested their beds yesterday. Other teachers have established their harvest times. The plan is for teachers to shut down the greenhouse over the summer and start it up again in the fall. The intent is to create a garden committee with parents to help run the greenhouse through the summer months. The cool thing is the kids planted from seed and was able to observe the whole lifecycle.</p> <p>b. Evaluation Committee – Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. Budget Committee – Nothing to report.</p>
<p>Discussion Items 25:45</p>	<p>a. <i>Seating of Newly Elected Members</i> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Erin Sansotta, parent representative was welcomed to the APC board. * Nicole Shelden, staff representative was once again welcomed to continue her service. <p>b. <i>Acknowledgement of Outgoing Parent Representative, Rinna Carson</i> Liz spoke to publicly recognize the tremendous contribution of Rinna for her invaluable help to Kaleidoscope. Various comments from the board expressed their appreciation for her leadership, understanding of the school’s goals and sharing her insight on the APC. Rinna’s skills, talents and level of commitment will be greatly missed, and her passion for the school is unmatched. Rinna shared her appreciation for Kaleidoscope and the staff. She recognized the school for its philosophy and how it has changed her as a parent. She expressed her love for the school and thanked the APC. The board presented Rinna with a gift bag in thanks.</p> <p>c. <i>Election of Officers for 2021-2022 School Year</i> Nominations for President/Chairperson (parent or community member only) Tony nominated Julie Laker, Julie accepted. Approved, unanimous consent</p> <p>Nominations for Vice Chair (parent or community member only) Nicole nominated Erin Sansotta, Erin accepted. Approved, unanimous consent</p> <p>Nominations for Secretary (parent or community member only) Julie nominated Tony Munter, Tony accepted. Approved, unanimous consent</p> <p>d. <i>APC General Duties Topic: KSAS Math Curriculum</i> Tony addressed the board to start a conversation regarding the math curriculum. A topic for the board to consider over the summer and take up when school returns in the fall. He shared from the recent kindergarten orientation the conversations he had with more than one parent about the perceived notion relating to KSAS students not being prepared for middle school math. He discovered he couldn’t talk specifically about the content or how Kaleidoscope is different from other schools. He could tell from the</p>

	<p>conversations that parents were basing their decision to attend Kaleidoscope from that perception with the math curriculum.</p> <p>Nicole shared her perspective over the many years she has been at Kaleidoscope, and knowing there are many students that begin school at KMS enrolling in advanced math. Math is a unique subject, some excel and others struggle and that tends to follow them. She agrees it would be beneficial to review the math curriculum, as well as what are the strengths and weaknesses of our school. Todd spoke about teaching intervention to students struggling in math. Unfortunately he felt he wasn't able to work as much as he would have wanted to given the difficulty of the year. Todd said he has been meeting with Dawn to develop a plan for next year. He also shared he has heard similar statements. The board agreed and hope they are able to address the perceived notion of how Kaleidoscope is teaching math and how it is hurting the school.</p> <p>e. <i>Bylaws Revision</i> Ms Burley (borough attorney) is not able to meet tonight to finish up the bylaws. Liz encouraged the board to continue the revision work to finish in the fall.</p> <p>f. <i>End of Year BBQ</i> – Liz asked board members to attend and help with the BBQ if at all possible.</p> <p>g. <i>Set Tentative Date for the August Meeting</i> – Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4:00 (meet the teacher at 5:00, BBQ at 5:30)</p>
<p>Public Comment 1:08:15</p>	<p>Rinna noted a couple of students from another school were accepted into Kelli's and briefly Cindy's remote classes and wanted to thank them for accommodating other schools and including those students.</p> <p>Julie expressed her appreciation to Mrs. Stroh, including seeing the greenhouse, going to the beach and the remote learning was a fantastic experience.</p> <p>Sara Boersma thanked Erin for her willingness to be on the board and also expressed thanks to Liz for her dedication to the school and the APC board.</p> <p>Patti thanked Liz for all her hard work and wished her well. Rinna as well will be missed; the kids and the school has benefitted from her involvement and service. She also shared her interest in being involved with the math curriculum conversations. Patti also believes there are misunderstandings about charter schools. Being on the charter school committee with the school board, she noted how much she has learned in recent meetings.</p>
<p>Board Comment/Announcements</p>	<p>Nicole acknowledged Liz for the work she has provided on behalf of the school and to the board. Her caring of the school's philosophy, curriculum and hard work are appreciated. Rinna also thanked Liz for her time, energy and effort in creating a professional board, and her leadership is valued.</p> <p>Liz shared it is bitter sweet, she has learned a lot from watching the board and realizing how hard elementary schools work on raising kids. She recognized how special the staff and parents are and what they do for the school. It has been fun and challenging and thanked the board for letting her be a part of the school.</p>

Executive Session, if needed	Not needed
Notice of Next Meeting & Adjournment	Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Liz adjourned the regular meeting at 5:40 p.m.