

Kenai Central High School Site Council
09-10-2019
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT MEMBERS: Bridget Grieme, Jeremy Hamilton, Bobby Clucas, John Morton, Briana Randle, Settlemyer, Amy Baxter, and Will Chervenak.

Randle notes intend to review and update by-laws of KCHS Site Council because they are very old. Also her intention to make Site Council meetings more communicative and be more transparent with information.

Approve 05-14-19 and 05-21-19 Minutes

Minutes approved unanimously.

Introductions

Mr. Chervenak introduced as assistant principal.

Principal Report

1. **Freshman/Foreign Exchange Student Orientation** – Held on 8/19 and went awesome. Two-thirds of freshmen students attended and seven foreign exchange students. It was student lead and went great. Feedback given was to advise parents of expectations ahead of time – specifically if it was intended for students and parents or just students.
2. **First Day of School** – Switched things up at assembly this year. Had some of the same stuff as before, but also added more to include: cheerleader performance, drumline, and fight song. After assembly students went to their class meetings and reviewed the handbook and completed handbook scavenger hunt/quiz. All students signed acknowledgement form after completing.
3. **Back To School Night** – Attendance was low. Discussed feedback as to why attendance was low to include: notice to families was very short, expectations of kids and families that it wasn't really a "drop in" event but that you went around to the student's scheduled classes, and clarify that kids can come too.
4. **Swan Lake Fire** – The travel ban for KPBSD has now been lifted. It caused lots of frustrations but was to ensure everyone was safe.
5. **Homecoming Week** – Dress up days are planned for every day this week, the parade is at 6 on Friday, then bonfire and powderpuff game. There will be food trucks and entertainment at the bonfire. The entertainment is being arranged by the leadership students, so it will be fun to see what they come up with. Homecoming tickets are \$10 each and have to be purchased by Thursday. The deadline is to give administrators time to check with schools of guests to make sure they are eligible to attend. The football games are on Saturday at 11 and 2 and swimming and diving is scheduled from 8-1 at KCHS as well. The dance is 8-11 in the commons.
6. **Budget/Strike Crisis** – Staff is trying to not be very political at school, but it is a real concern because it will interrupt learning processes and facility uses. If strike occurs, only the administrators will be allowed in the building. Discussion about how it will look for students and

teachers in making up the days and work. Will add strike days to the end of the second semester, first semester will continue as scheduled. Seniors will graduate at the same time, but second semester will be longer for remaining students.

7. **Enrollment** – KCHS had 448 student in May 2019. September 2019 enrollment is 442. Projected enrollment was 480 and Mrs. Randle can't figure out where that number came from. As a result of the difference between projected and actual, KPBSD wanted to cut a full time teacher. The student teacher ratio at KCHS is already 30:1. Mrs. Randle used class lists from PowerSchool to show how full classes at KCHS are and that they have nowhere to get rid of another teacher. KPBSD did not require that a full time teacher be cut.

Communications

1. **PEAKS** – New state test. This is the third year that KPBSD has participated in PEAKS testing. Results are available on PowerSchool.
2. **M.A.P.S.** – Measurements of Academic Performance is an intervention tool. It sees where kids are at and helps find where they may need re-teaching. It is adaptive, with levels changing based on student test input. The MAPS tool will be deployed three times this year. Several KPBSD teachers are going to trainers training on 9/17 and will train staff at in-service on 9/18.
3. **Personalized Learning** – Adopted four years ago by KPBSD. KCHS is a wave three school. The contract ended, and we are now on our own. It is intended to better meet the needs of students through things that may not have been available before – testing, retesting, verbal testing etc. It considers students' social emotional learning in order to positively influence teaching methods. There is a KCHS building PL team, but the leadership of that team is changing this year. Longer term participants are moving up to mentor newer staff. Staff participate in Learning Walks to observe other teacher's classrooms. Personalized Learning has been very positive at KCHS. The teacher buy in has improved and kids are learning and using the skills they learn. It has increased buy-in by kids, too.

Old Business

1. **Summer Maintenance** – Classroom 33 was re-built to house the new intensive needs classroom. There have been problems with drains from the construction. The classroom will house Kenai intensive need kids.

New Business

1. **New Staff Members** –
 - a. Melissa Nill – Intensive Needs
 - b. Amanda Trower – 12 Language Arts
 - c. Allie Benckle – 9 Language Arts
 - d. Sandra Newberry – Activities Coordinator
 - e. 4 New custodians:
 - i. Tim Mankey, Ansor McClough, Jessa Pennington, Brady Yound
 - f. Distance Education Teachers are now housed at the Workforce Development Building
 - i. Eammnauella Pokrifkyi
 - ii. Beth Swaby

- iii. Steve Cothran
 - iv. Gabe Evins
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- 2. **Summer Maintenance** - Projects have been taken off of the schedule. Need asbestos abatement to fix bathroom in shop building. Hope that will be done soon so that the bathroom is usable. Contracting out the painting of the auditorium but it is on hold because of the budget issues.e01
 - 3. **School Improvement Plan** – Will finalize tomorrow and is due on 9/13/19. Copies are available if anyone wants one. Focus is on emotional learning and personalized learning.
 - 4. **Open Campus Policy** – Mrs. Randle reports that the current policy has been in place for a long time. Campus is closed except for seniors who can get a Red Pass based on a number of criteria. The pass can be pulled if not following the rules etc. Juniors can get a Blue Pass once per week for lunch with parents contacting the office to approve. Is willing to tweak some things, but not a blanket open 9-12 open campus. Acknowledged that they can't catch them all breaking the rule, when they are caught most parents are grateful they were told. Reports that KCHS also has a tight attendance policy to reduce the number of disruptions. Randle would want parent input/feedback before making any changes. Discussion that policy at KCHS is different/more complex than any other high school in KPBSD.
 - 5. **Meeting Dates** – 11/12 @ 5:15, 2/4 @ 5:15, and 5/12 @ 5
 - 6. **Officers**
 - a. President: Outgoing Randle
 - i. Chervenak nominated and approved
 - b. Vice President: Outgoing Settlemyer
 - i. Remains in office
 - c. Secretary: Grieme
 - i. Remains in office

Next Meeting

11/12 @ 5:15

Note: Mrs. Randle will send by-laws to members to review prior to the meeting and discuss updating them.

Meeting adjourned