

**KENTER CANYON GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2017  
6:00 p.m. Library**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Moren at 6:10 p.m.

**ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS & RECORDING SECRETARY:**

- Parent Co-Chair: Andrea Ladderman nominated by Jason Schaeffer. Seconded by Nicola Bird. Unanimously approved.
- Teacher Co-Chair: Stephanie Ross nominated by Sumer Dundov. Seconded by Lewis Gabel. Unanimously approved.
- Recording Secretary: Nicola Bird nominated by Andrea Ladderman. Seconded by James White. Unanimously approved with one abstention (Nicola Bird).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2017 GC MEETING:** Motion to approve: Joel Ball. Seconded: Nicola Bird. Unanimously approved.

**GENERAL INTRODUCTIONS:**

- Kenter Canyon Principal, Dr. Terry Moren, presented an overview of Affiliated Charter requirements, Brown Act and Charter By-Laws.
- Affiliated Charter Overview: Kenter Canyon Elementary School is an affiliated Charter school in the LAUSD. In the past there was inconsistency between District and Charter oversight of affiliated Charter schools with the two entities applying conflicting standards. Dual evaluations were eliminated a few years ago; now some items are evaluated by LAUSD and some by Charter, but none by both.
- Brown Act Overview: Governance Council meetings and decisions must be made public. Therefore, GC representatives will be elected in a public meeting; meeting minutes published on school bulletin board; parents are invited to all GC meetings. Transparency is the primary goal.
- Charter Bylaws Overview: GC consists of seven teachers and seven parents, plus Dr. Moren and a Community Representative (Lynn Whitaker). Dr. Moren distributed the Calendar books to the GC members and reviewed the roles and responsibilities for Committee Service.
- Executive branch puts together agenda for monthly meetings (Moren, Ross & Ladderman). Determines what issues are school choices for GC to decide, versus policy issue for Dr. Moren to decide
- GC is where teachers and parents decide school choice issues.
- Reports presented from each Committee.
- Motions: Will come from the appropriate Committee that has been assigned that item.
- Discussion: New topics that arise in a GC meeting are assigned to a Committee to be brought back next month for resolution.

## **COMMITTEE OVERVIEW:**

- Literacy / Social Science (Ms. Dundov)
- Mathematic Expressions (Ms. Popielarski)
- S.T.E.A.M. (Mr. Morris): Instead of Science, the school has adopted a “pathway to college” that is STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Architecture and Math). The focus now is “What problem do you want to solve when you grow up?” rather than “What do you want to be when you grow up?” No Science Night this year -- STEAM Night, instead.
- Cultural (Ms. Laham): Arts, Social Responsibility (Access Books, Holidays from the Heart; etc.)
- Positive Climate (Mrs. Klapproth & Ms. Paiva): Implements programs like Second Step; Citizen of the Month; Beautification Schedule; etc.
- Safety / Emergency Preparedness (Ms. Lynch & Ms. Herzikoff)
- Integration of Technology (Mr. Gabel): Technology has been acquired; Committee is responsible for overseeing the integration of the technology into the curriculum.

## **OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL GROUPS:**

- SSPT (Student Success & Progress Team): Co-chaired by Ms. Ross and Ms. Dieguez; not open to parents (other than those whose children are directly involved)
- Instructional Leadership Team: Co-chaired by Ms. Ross and Mr. Gabel. Not a Committee; rather, a group of teachers selected by Dr. Moren to overview curriculum.

## **OLD BUSINESS: COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Safety / Emergency Preparedness Committee (Lynch):

- Report: All classrooms are to have uniform emergency supplies. It was suggested to get ladders for 2nd story classrooms.
- IIPP: Signed by all required reps. Motion to approve: Ladderman. Second: Lynch. Unanimously approved.
- ISSP: Dr. Moren: Motion to approve the ISSP pending receipt of a hard copy. (NOTE: The only correction area is the depiction of nutrition / meals on the bulletin boards near the Cafeteria). Second: Ladderman. Unanimously approved.

### Mathematic Expressions (Walsh):

- Didn't receive textbooks until three weeks into the school year, but have them all now.
- Changes to report cards: There will be marks in four different math standards and four math practice areas. Discussed effect on grading and assessments.

### Literacy & Social Science (Dundov):

- Benchmark Advance: Grade level reps all discussed successes and challenges with the newly adopted ELA program, called “Benchmark.” Discussed website called Newsela: A useful resource to connect literacy to Language Arts and Social Science Standards
- Learned about Newsela.com from Ainsley Romprey (Technology Integration Expert) who comes in once a week (Wednesdays) to introduce teachers to technology resources.

### STEAM (Walsh):

- This is a new committee.
- A rep from DiscoveryEducation.com showed the ILT the website and associated resources and explained how it can be used to create units of study. This could be a helpful resource for implementing the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The rep also shared a blog authored by teachers who use the website.
- After the presentation, grade levels looked at DiscoveryEducation.com to come up with a list of questions they'd like to ask the rep; also, some had trouble accessing some of the resources, especially materials and lab activities. Will prepare for a follow-up presentation by the DiscoveryEducation.com representative.
- Need to organize resources by grade level.
- Jasmit Nijjar (STEAM Lab Coordinator) is investigating MysteryScience.com.

### Cultural & Accountability Committee (Dundov)

- Speakers from a program came to talk with each class about cyberbullying, what information is ok to give put online and give to people, as well as what personal information should stay private; also discussed "Stranger Danger"
- Access Books: Happening now; books will delivered this weekend, Sept. 23, to Washington Elementary School in Compton
- Square One Art: Started with Ms. Deborah
- LAUSD is requesting donations of clothes and toiletries for Hurricane Harvey victims.

### Positive Discipline:

- No Committee member was present at this meeting.

### Integration of Technology (Gabel):

- Wall-mounted projectors & cameras installed this summer; not efficiently. Teachers adapting to their use. Positive feedback.
- Goal: Look at PlanetBravo curriculum and sync it with Kenter's curriculum. Make adjustments as needed to match up with classroom. Looking for quality apps to use on tablets and ChromeBooks.
- Expert time with Ainsley Romprey: This is a good resource. We need to ensure even distribution of time slots among the teachers.

### ILT (Gabel):

- Met twice over the summer, with Discovery Education rep and also with Kenter Grade Level reps.
- Report cards will be different this year. ILT is working with teachers and will work with parents to explain the new system.
- "Benchmark" is the new ELA program. Looking at the new standards and how to integrate them into the curriculum.

All parents are welcome to attend any Committee Meetings. Andrea Ladderman hopes to have at least one GC Parent Representative assigned to each Committee.

### **PROGRAM ADVISOR'S UPDATE (Ross)**

- This is a new position. Students who are new to Kenter Canyon and speak a language other than English are tested to determine English proficiency level. Four meetings to discuss the options for these students are offered to parents of at the beginning of the school year.
- CELDT Training: Kenter has eight new students with non-English native language. After initial assessments, six of the eight have been designated as English Learners
- There are 19 English Learners, total, in the school.
- District has a goal for a certain percentage of students to be reclassified each year. None of our English Learners are ready for re-classification yet. Hoping to have enough progress to reclassify some later in the year. Goal is for all English Learners to move up at least one level per year, and for all English Learners to be reclassified as English Speakers / English Proficient within 5 years.
- ELPAC: English Language Proficiency Assessment for California: New assessment that is replacing the CELDT. Will be given in the Spring to all ELLs who did not take the initial CELDT and/or those who have not reclassified. Students who gain proficiency are reclassified as Initial Fluent English Proficient (IFEP) - better for Middle School bc it opens up more options

### **DIBELS:**

- Teachers should be done with initial assessments by next Wednesday.

### **GATE:**

- No meetings yet.
- 54 identified 4th & 5th graders. 3rd graders will be identified by OLSAT and will automatically upload in MiSiS.
- GATE meeting at Back to School Night discussed the seven different identification levels.
- Interim assessments (IABs/SBAC) - 3rd, 4th & 5th; students will take one ELA and one Math assessment in both the Fall and the Spring; teachers choose the content areas to be assessed.
- GC discussed whether Kenter Canyon has considered implementing a Kenter-specific GATE program rather than operating through the LAUSD program. Dr. Moren explained that Kenter Canyon used to have funding for GATE students, but not anymore. Our Charter specifies that there is no GATE program here; all students are exposed to enrichment. So, we are a SAS school not a GATE school.

### **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:**

- Progress Reports will be very different. Scoring is to be aligned with the standards set by state law.

- We will be grading students against the standards; not proficiency. This means assessing how closely a student performs vs. the standards.
- Teachers will be trained in the new Progress Reports format over the next few weeks. Work habits and life skills will also be graded.
- Norm Day Count was very good; only 6 absences. We exceeded the number needed to keep the current # of teachers. Did not open ANY spaces to the Lottery this year. Total enrollment is 554.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Constitution Week
- CHiPS Safety Badges - 9/27
- ACCESS Books Drive - 9/23 deliver to Washington Elementary
- Parent Workshop for New Progress Reports
- CA Shakeout Drill - 10/24
- Construction Project: Workers are very cordial and professions; great relationship. Work is being completed very quickly. Items that are under the purview of LAUSD are taking a very long time - putting out for bid. \$4000 to fix the "mat" in the Kindergarten Yard.

### **KCPSG UPDATE:**

- Meet & Greet very successful; surveyed parents for skills and interests.
- Party Book Kick-Off is November 10. However, Monster Mash & Movie is happening before the Kick-Off so we need to advertise and rally support for this event. We are not doing a Fall Festival this year because we have no access to the auditorium so can not do the Haunted House. Instead, we are doing a Monster Mash & Movie event.
- Annual Giving / Class Dinners already underway. All Class Dinners have been scheduled.
- Banners: Have to be approved by PSG. Erin Arand is soliciting banners from local businesses.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS:**

- Will be shorter. Will start with Committee Reports in the future.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Andrea will request parents to attend specific Committee meetings.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Motion - Joel Ball. Seconded - Lynn Whitaker Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.