

**KENTER CANYON GOVERNANCE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2018  
2:00 p.m. Room 202**

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**YEARBOOK PHOTOGRAPH OF GC REPRESENTATIVES - POSTPONED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Andrea Laderman at 2:08 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 28, 2017 GC MEETING MINUTES:**

Moved: Jason Schaeffer

Seconded: Tim Soule

Unanimously approved

**NEW BUSINESS**

- CA Dashboard (Stephanie Ross)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee (Ms. Lynch)
  - We had an opportunity to practice our Shelter in Place routines during the California wildfires.
  - Water from our emergency bins has been replenished and treated.
  - Water fountain in the cafeteria is now operable.
  - Shelter in Place Drill scheduled for February 6, 2018, around 10:20 a.m.
  - Joel Ball suggested that PSG fund the purchase of additional walkie talkies for classrooms without adjoining doors.
  - Two teacher's cars have been subject to hit-and-run (no notes) while parked in legitimate spaces on campus
  - North Yard parking area is particularly bad; Ms. Young is monitoring the area now, but parents are not co-operating and are pushing back
  - Tip Top Tow will come and tow illegally parked vehicles on Kenter property; only a private homeowner can call a tow truck to come to tow a vehicle that's blocking a residential driveway.
  - We discussed that many parking difficulties are caused by a majority of parents having to come to Kenter at the same time for drop off and pick up. It is particularly bad in the afternoons because we do not have the valet drop-off system that we have in the mornings, and parents do not have access to the Front Loop to quickly pick up their children, so they must park on the streets.
  - If we can stagger the pick up times for some classes, even by 30 minutes, we can alleviate a lot of the parking issues. But, for Kinder and 1st graders, the ability to stagger pick up times is very limited as they are not allowed to leave the classroom with another student and Kinders are not even allowed to go to an after-school class without being escorted by a parent. We discussed whether we can have an Aide (perhaps paid for by

PSG) to escort Kinders from their classrooms to their after-school classes so that their parents don't have to park on the streets and walk onto campus for this purpose.

- Councilman Bonin has responded to parent and resident emails
- Officer Maria Gray has asked for a meeting with Dr. Moren
  
- Mathematics Committee (Ms. Walsh)
  - New Progress Report Warning Notice: Understanding multiple standards and practices are addressed under a generic heading
  - Remember to mark content areas as N/A if not covered that progress period
  - Trends across grade levels: translating computational skills to problem-solving and critical thinking skills, especially in word problems. Students have difficulty translating computational skills and concepts in novel contexts.
  - Exploring the progression of developing problem solving skills: How can we build critical thinking skills to have students understand the context of the entire problem?
    - Chunking problems
    - Visualizing
    - Techniques to help students visualize and conceptualize word problems
    - Miming/ or acting it out
    - Working from the end to identify what you're are trying to solve for
  - Assessing Math Practices: Grade level to collect and share assessment tools, teaching methods, and areas of difficulty for students at a following meeting (focus on problem solving strategies)
  
- Literacy/Social Science Committee (Ms. Dundov)
  - Newsela: Launching a 6-month pilot program; teachers have started using
  - This is an adoption year for Social Studies
  - Reading Buddies
  - IABs/DIBELS
  
- S.T.E.A.M. Committee (Ms. Walsh)
  - Grade level check-ins: Still having trouble coordinating old materials to new standards. Exploring Pilot Kits to see if they are applicable to new standards
  - April 12: STEAM Night. Mr. Morris is leading Science Night; teachers will be leading the activities
  
- Cultural and Accountability Committee (Ms. Laham)
  - Korean Classical Dance: This cultural assembly has been scheduled for February 2, 2018. It is scheduled for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grades at 8:30 a.m. and for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades at 9:30 a.m. The assembly

features classical Korean dance and drumming, traditional Korean instruments and music. This cultural assembly will link to the current event of the Olympics opening in South Korea in February.

- At the meeting of October 19, 2017, this committee discussed whether the number of cultural assemblies (currently two, we believe) meets the needs and desires of different grade levels to support their curriculum. Discussion centered on whether faculty feels the current two cultural assemblies per year is optimal, whether faculty would prefer an additional assembly, or whether younger grades might have an additional assembly per year. The committee would appreciate input from staff as a whole on this issue.
- In accordance with a past LAUSD memorandum, Kenter will be holding its annual Art Show. Teachers will submit 3-4 pieces of student art work to be put on display in the Auditorium during the month of March, as detailed in the LAUSD memorandum
- Positive Discipline Team (Ms. Klapproth)
  - Mindfulness Assembly: Students attended an assembly led by an author.
  - Some teachers have educated themselves on mindfulness - taking a break and implementing calming strategies. Will be trying these techniques in selected classrooms; possibly applying school-wide if successful.
  - We submitted our documentation for the 8 elements of the District's Positive Discipline expectations
- Integration of Technology (Mr. Gabel)
  - Proposal for Spring Fling "Raise the Paddle": Last year's "Raise the Paddle" project has not been completed (Coyote Courtyard, etc.) so we are not going to have a Raise the Paddle campaign at this year's Spring Fling
  - All devices were checked to be on the correct network - they are NOT. They will be coming back to remedy the problem. All devices should be signed into the LAUSD Network; provides more security but restricts parents' access to the WiFi network, including the use of
  - Math App for Chromebooks: We are beta testing a new app (Zorbit's Math Adventure) in three classrooms to assess its feasibility for all classrooms.
  - Looking for programs to educate students about internet safety issues at age-appropriate levels
  - Coding classes are very popular
  - How to incorporate the use of robotics in the classroom, possibly through Planet Bravo, as they work with hundreds of schools
- Instructional Leadership Team (Stephanie Ross/Lewis Gabel)

- Playworks starting in February: These are consultants that help schools work on social and recreational play. Will observe recess and other recreational times; work with aides and staff.

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

### **CELDT Update:**

#### **ELD Reclassification Report**

- Some students took CELDT Retest - results are in
- 1 student reclassified. Goal is to reclassify 4 kids this year (LAUSD Goal: 22%)
- All other students will take ELPAC before the end of the year

### **GATE Update**

- Awaiting GATE testing date. Nearly 40 students requested for assessments for Intellectual Ability.
- 2 students auditioned for GATE through the Art Category (drama and visual arts); both students identified as Gifted.

### **Assessments Update**

- Teachers finishing mid-year DIBELS; should be done by February 2
- CA Physical Fitness Test: February 1 - March 16. 5th Grade California Fitness test (1 mile run) has been done.
- ELPAC Summative Assessment: February 1 - May 31
- SBAC Testing: Our browsers need updates before SBAC; Ms. Shanny from PlanetBravo is helping with this project

## **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (Terry Moren)**

- Critical Utility Project Update: Construction company continues to be very good; Dr. Moren is pleased with them. District is causing problems with slowness of review and certain cost-saving decisions (requiring use of old appliances with the new plumbing system, etc.)
- Recess / Playtime Protocols: Need additional assistance during recess, especially if we want to have board games. Dr. Moren is looking into hiring an additional recess aide to help with this. Suggested that they call for parent volunteers; this was done a few years ago but not recently
- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School: Planning underway for various grade-level activities
- Lottery Applications for 2019: Must pick up a lottery application in person from Kenter Main Office, starting . Data is given to the District and Charter Organization.
- Jump Rope for Heart coming soon.

## **KCPSG UPDATE:**

- Kenter's Got Talent (KGT) Grade 5 Emcee Auditions upcoming; show on February 23 at 6:30pm and February 24 at 12:30pm
- Spring Fling, March 10 at Taito
- Next Governance Council Meeting: January 30, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 202

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Motion: Andrea Ladderman

Seconded: Lewis Gabel

Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.