

**KENTER CANYON GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 24, 2017
6:00 p.m. Library**

CALL TO ORDER: Andrea Ladderman at 6:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 GC MEETING MINUTES:

Moved: Stephanie Ross. Seconded: Andrea Ladderman. Unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS

- Safety/Emergency Preparedness Committee (Julie Paiva)
 - Shakedown Drill held on 10/19 at 10:19am
 - Suggestions implemented
 - No negative impact from construction
- Mathematics Committee (Julie Paiva)
 - Focusing on the use and importance of manipulatives
 - Discussed management and disciplined use of manipulatives in the classroom
 - Important to create context when posing tasks - drive motivation
- Literacy/Social Science Committee (Stephanie Ross)
 - All Benchmark materials have been distributed to all grade levels
 - Teachers are focused on refining the assessments to get accurate data; for example, determining optimum frequency of assessments, etc.
 - Newsela.com Rep will be meeting with a select number of Kenter teachers to discuss integration with Social Sciences and ELA classes
 - LAUSD has purchased FrontRowed.com website as an additional, Common Core-based resource. Helps students achieve the new standards.
- S.T.E.A.M. Committee (Nicole Williams)
 - Discussed different online curriculum
 - MysteryScience.com and Discovery websites have been reviewed; teachers prefer MysteryScience.com and would prefer to use the money that would have been spent on the Discovery.com subscription to purchase science supplies and tools instead
 - Discussed the transition from FOSS curricular materials to a program aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Emphasis on the value of trying and failing; hands-on exploration in the classroom; trial and error; the value of learning from doing; innovation. NGSS is about learning through doing, not learning from lecturing.
 - Dr. Moren recommends parents attend / volunteer in Science classes when possible to see how the new approach is implemented
- Cultural and Accountability Committee (Shari Laham)

- Jump Rope for Heart: Recommend that this event happen February 12-14, 2018 from 7:30 - 8:15 each morning. Raises money for American Heart Association and encourages healthy habits.
 - Cultural Assemblies: Recommend Brasil Folclorico (November 3, 2017) and Korean Classical Dance (date unknown). Teachers will receive lesson plans for these assemblies
 - Discussed whether two assemblies is sufficient to meet the needs of the faculty and students
- Positive Discipline Team (Julie Paiva)
 - Students are able to parrot back the lessons learned in Second Step but are not always internalizing them and applying what they learn in real-life. Academic, not life skills.
 - Different grade levels are trying out different mindfulness programs to see which ones work, then reporting back.
 - Trying to train the aides in Second Step so it can be implemented during recess and in the yards as well as in the classroom
 - Mindfulness teaches children to self-regulate, by being mindful of their thoughts and actions, instead of just reacting
- Integration of Technology (Lewis Gabel)
 - Each grade level is looking at Planet Bravo pacing plan and making sure that the projects in the computer lab are aligned with the curriculum in the classroom
 - Four K, one 1st and two 2nd grade teachers are spending October 25 training at Melrose Math & Science Magnet to observe the use of technology in the classrooms. Teacher will report back to the rest of Kenter faculty
 - Reviewed how to access and input grades for the new report card
- Instructional Leadership Team (Stephanie Ross/Lewis Gabel)
 - Teachers prefer MysteryScience.com over Discover.com
 - Four parent workshops have been set to introduce parents to the new progress reports. ILT is discussing which elements are the highest priority for discussion at the workshops.
 - Math “kits” that emphasize the Mathematical Practice Standards were ordered for all grade levels; these provide practice problems that require different strategies for solving problems
 - 100% of students were assessed with DIBELS at the beginning of the year; now evaluating the test data to determining students’ academic needs

PROGRAM ADVISOR’S UPDATE (Stephanie Ross)

CELDT Update:

- CELDT Retest is underway – we have nine (9) students in grades 2, 3, and 5 who are eligible to take the test
- The tests are due to the Student Testing Branch on November 15; teachers have been asked to finish their testing by November 9, so Ms. Ross will have time to score them all and complete the necessary paperwork
- Testing helps students reclassify from the EL program and into the mainstream classroom programs, which provides more academic opportunities

ELD Reclassification Report

- At this time, no students are ready for reclassification
- Ms. Ross will be working on Reclassification Action Plans to help analyze the data and hone in on the areas that prove to be the most difficult for each student –at this time, writing seems to be the hardest academic area

GATE Update

- Current 3rd grade students who scored 95 percentile or higher on the Verbal and/or Nonverbal Age Percentile Rank on the OLSAT-8 when they were in 2nd grade, have now been identified as Gifted. Parents and teachers have received the information
- Students who scored 99.0 percentile on OLSAT-8 will automatically be tested for Intellectual Ability.
- We have 97 students in the 3rd-5th graders who are identified as Gifted
- At the beginning of November, Ms. Ross will be asking for referrals for Intellectual Testing, and paperwork will begin. Referrals can come from parents, students or teachers. The selection committee will meet to determine recommendations and send information to Gifted office.
- Ross is soliciting teachers interested in attending the CAG Conference in San Diego, March 2-4, 2018. Sunday workshop for parents at Sheraton in San Diego.

Assessments Update

- Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs) have begun and the window closes before Thanksgiving break. Teachers in grades 3-5 must administer one ELA and one Math assessment this “semester”; each grade level may choose the topics

PRINCIPAL’S UPDATE (Terry Moren)

- Critical Utility Project Update
 - Progress is slow. Contractors are violating various contract provisions such as not pumping out temporary bathrooms at the designated time (5:30am) which then causes poor air quality during the school day; parking spaces in the North Lot are being taken by contractors which is in violation of the agreement. Dr. Moren has filed grievances
 - Only 1 out of 12 design elements are on track for timely completion (North Bathrooms)

- Dr. Moren is meeting with district officials to discuss the lack of progress. Delays seems to be caused by designers / architects, not the contractors / workers
- LAUSD has denied permission to film a second season of Big Little Lies on campus. The first season raised \$109K for the school.
- New Progress Report Parent Workshop
 - Standards-based
 - Different types of report cards based on whether ELL, Special Needs, or General Education
 - Parent workshops being offered at four different times prior to parent-teacher conferences: November 2 at 8:15am; November 6 at 2:00pm; November 7 at 6:00pm and November 8 at 8:15am. Sign-up link is on the Kenter website home page
 - Dr. Moren and Stephanie Ross are working with teachers to effectively utilize the new Progress Reports and strategies for assessing students
 - LAUSD defines a “3” to be the goal, and a “4” to be at least one grade level ahead, so frequency of “4’s” is expected to be lower going forward
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 8 - 17; school schedules adjusted during this time
- School Experience Surveys 2017-2018: Very important to have these turned in. Stephanie Ross to be spearheading the efforts to increase the completion rates
- Grade 4 Science Fair moved to November 30
- Kenter will be used as the training site for Schoology on two dates in November and December

KCPSTG UPDATE:

- Monster Mash & Movie: October 27 at 5:00pm
- CPK “Battle of the Grades”: Multiple dates in November
- Aladdin, Jr.: December 1-2
- All performances (Fall and Spring Productions, Talent Show, etc.) will no longer happen on Saturday evenings; all on Friday evening and Saturday matinee
- Next Governance meeting will be at 2:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

- KIDS safe driving campaign seems to be working but concerned about Parent-Teacher conference week

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion - Jason Schaeffer Seconded - Tim Soule
Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.