

**KENTER CANYON GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
2:00 p.m. – Room 202**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. Dr. Terry Moren (Administrator)
2. Lewis Gabel (Teacher/Co-Chair)
3. Jason Schaeffer (Parent/Co-Chair)
4. Megan Walsh (Teacher)
5. Carly Rosenblit (Teacher)
6. Jamie Haas (Teacher)
7. Alyssa MacKenzie (Teacher)
8. Heather Herzikoff (Teacher)
9. Danielle Klapproth (Teacher)
10. Ryan Del Giorgio (Parent)
11. John Orsanic (Parent)
12. Kevin Shepela (Parent)
13. Alex Wolfe (Parent)
14. Lynn Whitaker (Community Member)

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

1. Michelle Hansbrough (Teacher)
2. Nicole Williams (Parent)
3. Wenise Wong (Parent)
4. Lisa Sanders (Parent)

ADDITIONAL PERSONS PRESENT:

None.

CALL TO ORDER:

J. Schaeffer announced that the Meeting was duly noticed, and called the Meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Motion to approve Minutes from October 1, 2019 GC Meeting.** Lewis Gabel presented the Minutes from the last Regular Meeting held on October 1, 2019. After review of the Minutes a motion to approve the Minutes was made by: Jamie Haas; seconded by: Alex Wolfe; and passed: Unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Committee Reports.**
 - School Climate Committee

- Carly Rosenblit and Heather Herzikoff provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Safety/Emergency Preparedness:
 - Checked backpack inventory and made requests for items needed for same and for storage bins.
 - Discussed having a safety meeting for new teachers.
 - Discussed Shake-Out Drill and positive feedback resulting from same.
 - Student Leader Groups:
 - Student officers elected and first Student Council meeting held.
 - Scheduled College Awareness Day which occurred on October 29th.
 - Scheduled Cancer Awareness Day to be held on November 6th.
 - New Teacher Support:
 - Observed new teachers and new teachers observed different rooms.
 - Teachers believe new aides need additional training in order to meet expectations.
 - Beautification Program:
 - Discussed putting new murals on empty walls.
 - First grade teachers would like to request some netting of weaving to block view to bungalows and some coverage by the Coyote Courtyard by Alyssa MacKenzie's room due to the fact that parents are observing classroom activity before, during and after instructional time, which is creating issues regarding what they claim to be witnessing.
 - No new updates for attendance to discuss.
 - Art Program:
 - Teachers would prefer that art be taught in each respective classroom to eliminate time constraints. Teachers are concerned that art instruction outside limits accessibility for all students, and that walking time is inefficient and wastes academic time.
 - Teachers would like more structure to be included with art instruction.
 - Teachers want art instruction to meet standards, and they believe that art teacher should provide more structure to students, allow teachers to stay with class and help with management.
 - Physical Education (PE):
 - Still waiting for standards for lower grades.
 - Teachers believe that more skills instructions need to be implemented, PE instructor's class management must be improved, and student/teacher relationships should be improved.
 - Teachers feel that they need new and/or better functioning printers, ink supplies, NGSS materials (new FOSS kits), and other materials, in order to better implement their curricula.

- There was no new business proposed for vote.
- Positive Discipline Committee
 - Danielle Klapproth provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Restorative Justice:
 - Met with Dr. Moren to observe community circle in action.
 - Working to calendar another training day to teach/show teachers how to implement other uses for their classrooms.
 - There was no new business proposed for vote.
- Professional Development Committee
 - Alyssa MacKenzie provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Special Educational Professional Development: Tuesday, December 3rd
 - Social/Emotional Training:
 - 25 schools are going to be selected as pilot schools.
 - Katy Cohen will attend training and she will train Kenter staff.
 - Engage New York Math Conference:
 - Upcoming conference is during parent-teacher conferences.
 - Will attend this conference at alternate time later this year.
 - Schoology:
 - Staff should be entering grades in schoology.
 - Classes should be implementing by end of grading period.
 - Safety Drill Professional Development:
 - Staff is requesting more safety/fire drills.
 - Social Justice Training:
 - Alyssa Mackenzie is looking into when and how it can be implemented at Kenter, and the cost for same.
 - Technology:
 - Headphones have been ordered for Kinders.
 - Dreambox has been renewed.
 - Staff is interested in Razkids and considering order.
 - Investigating updating and/or getting iPads for K-2 for DIBELS and for other teachers for assisted technology such as EL resources and support.
 - There was no new business proposed for vote.
- Mathematics Committee
 - Megan Walsh provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Data & Accountability
 - Reviwed end of year assesments.
 - Compared similarities between end of year and beginning of year assessments between grade levels.

- Consensus reached that end of year assessments from the previous year would be more helpful.
- Assessments will be taken back to grade levels to make final decisions and modifications as needed.
- Exploring other training dates for Engage New York because of conflict with parent-teacher conferences.
- There was no new business proposed for vote.

- Language Arts/History-Social Science Committee
 - Kate Robinson provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Data & Accountability:
 - Met with librarian (Ms. Sara) about class programs.
 - Preparing library programs for each grade, such as pulling books for parent reading, getting students excited about books, finding books, and creating/implementing lessons in library, and monthly writing projects.
 - Planning Literacy Night – tentatively planned for February 27th.
 - There was no new business proposed for vote.

- STEAM Committee
 - Megan Walsh provided a summary of the business discussed at the last committee meeting, including:
 - Year-Long Committee Goals:
 - Realigning resources
 - Science lab use
 - Science schedules
 - Grade 5 Data and Accountability
 - Science Assessments
 - NGSS Field Trips
 - Explore NGSS Resources:
 - Standards are different than addressed in current FOSS binders.
 - Mystery Science is helpful but does not adequately prepare students for assessments.
 - Researching other resources to address NGSS.
 - Need for “Focus on Science” Grade Level Time:
 - Lacking resources that address NGSS Evidence Standards.
 - Need time to research and analyze supplemental resources.
 - Review and take the SBAC Science Test.
 - Science Lab:
 - Explore resources to help teachers with planning science.
 - Review NGSS based curriculum resources.
 - Establish routine planning time with grade levels.
 - Science Night:
 - Spooking Steam Night scheduled for October 29th from 5 – 7 pm.
 - Cancelled due to fires.
 - Will be rescheduled.
 - Westside Regional Science Curriculum Lead:

- Request for representative to come out for a meeting to help staff identify what's available to meet current NGSS and the best curriculum to replace 2nd Edition FOSS.
- NGSS Evidence Statements:
 - Began examining NGSS at each grade level.
 - Started to review Evidence Statements one by one to determine which are supported by current curriculum and which are not, and what's needed to fill gaps.
 - Looked at FOSS resources currently available.
- There was no new business proposed for vote.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE (Dr. Moren):

- Firefighters' Appreciation Project
 - As a thanks for all their hardwork during local fires, select parents went to local Fire Station 19 to come up with a list of equipment needed by firefighters, including "brush gear".
 - Will purchase "brush gear" with donations and will have them monogrammed for each firefighter at Station 19.
 - Kids will also write letters to firefighters that will be made into book for each firefighter.
 - Donations have started.
- Parent – Teacher Conferences:
 - Parent-Teacher conferences will begin on November 12th.
- Holiday Music Program:
 - Holiday Music Program will be held on December 19th and 20th.
- School Experience Surveys:
 - It's critical for parents to complete surveys.
 - A flyer will be delivered to parents in HRP blast for more specific instructions regarding how to complete and return surveys.

KCPSG UPDATE (Dr. Moren):

- Annie Jr.:
 - Performances will be held on December 4th and 5th.
- Friends – Giving Party:
 - Monster Mash has been changed to Friends-Giving Party and will be held on November 8th.
- General PSG Membership Meeting:
 - To be rescheduled.
- Perspective Parents Tour:
 - Hosted by Alex Wolfe.

- Here's 2U Luncheon for Staff and PSG:
 - Hosted by PSG as thank you to staff.

- Dad's Pancake Breakfast:
 - Will be held on December 7th.

- School Charter:
 - New Charter will be due in a few months.
 - Must begin drafting and consider what school will look like over next 5 years.
 - Will need help from Committees.
 - Dr. Moren will begin to draft portions the week after Winter Break.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn the Meeting was made by: Ryan Del Giorgio; seconded by: Jason Schaeffer; and passed: Unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.