



KENMORE WEST MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Attendees: Anne Binga, Kim Little, Rebecca Kiel (Board members), Dean Johnson (Principal), Laura Anderson, Elizabeth Aszkler, Laura Howse, Joseph Leone (Faculty), Jessica Brumbaugh, Ellie Malkiewicz, Gretchen Penrose, Suzette O'Brien

I. **Faulty Report:**

A. Laura Anderson - Music Department

<https://sites.google.com/ktufsd.org/kw-curriculum-website/course-catalogue/music>

- 60 students participated in the musical Chicago
- Everything is back, in person and have been excited to hold concerts
- Music Department is taking a trip to NYC with 80 students, 16 adults in April
- Numerous students participated in the All State, Area Allstate & Erie County music festivals

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lr1-PMYx4Fp6GEYjea1ZQUY8vc_GiIHvgSFga9uzro4/edit?usp=sharing

B. Joseph Leone - Business Department

<https://sites.google.com/ktufsd.org/kw-curriculum-website/course-catalogue/business-marketing-and-computers>

- The Business/Marketing and Computers Department offers a variety of courses for the student in search of valuable life skills. Whether seeking higher education or direct placement in the world of work, they have the courses necessary.
- Business classes are all electives
- Very close department of instructors who engage with each other and this relationship helps to engage students
- Instructors set up college tours and help students with college prep
- Provide students with hands on, work experiences with others in the District and in local businesses
- Enrollment is steady and trying to increase awareness

C. Elizabeth Aszkler - Library

<https://kwhs.kenton.libguides.com/c.php?g=458653>

- Some English classes are being brought down to the library & students are being taught classes on Civic Online Reasoning and applying that to not only research projects but social media, this will be expanded to more students going forward
 - Encouraged to ask questions, such as “What is behind this?” and “what evidence supports this statement?”

- Applying strategies in lateral searches, “when in doubt, Google it out” - 95% of humans don’t go to the second page of Google results and the first few results are usually ads - go further with sources and searches
- what to do with misinformation, hate speech, bullying and how to be a good citizen
- She presented this at the NYS Library Association Conference
- Involved in IB Department extended essays reviews for Juniors

D. Laura Howse- IB Department

<https://sites.google.com/ktufsd.org/kw-curriculum-website/course-catalogue/international-baccalaureate>

- June will mark the 10th IB graduating class
- Currently there are 26 IB faculty along with 7-10 extra faculty/staff members
- Program begins Junior year with numbers dipping a bit last year due to the pandemic & those numbers appear to be holding with current registers - usually about 30 students per grade
- Students who don’t want to commit to the program and full course requirements can take some of the IB classes but they won’t earn an IB diploma
- Participating students use CAS (Creativity, Activity & Service) which enables students to enhance their personal and interpersonal development by learning through experience while needing to complete a service project and an EE (Extended Essay) which is a four thousand word research essay by end of Senior year, with built in benchmarks and advisors for guidance
- Basic requirements for graduation are IB history, English, language, math and science - all classes try to connect to one another to increase knowledge & classes are discussion based, “how do we know the things we know?”
- To be eligible a student must have taken 10H English & completed B2H in language
- Want students to try program because if a student isn’t pushing themselves, they aren’t growing
- Anyone (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th) can shadow an IB student for a day

II. **Administration Report:** Dean Johnson

- Curriculum offerings are on the District website
- <https://sites.google.com/ktufsd.org/kw-curriculum-website/course-catalogue?authuser=0>
- Class scheduling for the 2022-2023 school year is in full swing with drafts of schedules due to students by June
- needs to be done so they can deal with vacancies and make sure they hire what they need
- Chicago, the musical, was great and they had a nice turnout
- Working on School Improvement Plan with focus on graduation, behavior, english, math and attendance
- The theme of this year has been transition - getting back to in person - and most schools are experiencing the same issues
- Working with District on plans for graduation but nothing is officially decided
 - Usually at Kleinhans (all previous restrictions have been lifted)
 - Trying not to limit access to families
 - Graduating class is about 270
 - Getting Senior feedback to see what they are looking for

- KW aud capacity is 1300
- Still planning to do a Senior Walk & Award Ceremony
- ? - are yearbooks still available? -
<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1054119/Kenmore-West-High-School/>
- Discussion on use of common sense to some of the behavior problems, especially with lavatories & hallways
 - Will take time to get back to a New Normal situation (the old way of doing things doesn't always work now) and solutions are not always quick
 - Needs are different now and need to focus on how to meet them
 - Discussion on mandatory counselor check ins early in the school year so students know the programs & supports the counseling office offers

III. **Treasurer Report:** Anne Binga

- Currently have balance of @ \$4,713.97
- Will be awarding 3 (\$250) scholarships in May
- The bulk of our funds come from school pictures and school picture revenue is down for the 2nd year in a row by almost half
- Donated money for an ad in the musical program and contributed to the District breakfast for the bus drivers

IV. **HSA Announcements:**

- Will be holding a Food Truck Night on Thursday, May 12th, in conjunction with the Annual Art Night and Orchestra concert
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation discussion
- We will need Board members for next year - 2 year terms. Please think about joining and contact either Kim, Anne, Rebecca or email our Gmail account if interested.

Next Meeting is Virtual on April 20, 2022 - guests will be Health/Phys Ed Departments, Art Department & Student Council

V. **Adjournment:** 8:45 pm

Any questions, concerns, suggestions - email us at kenwesthsa@gmail.com

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