

Kenmore West HSA – Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 6:30pm

Science Department

- Over the next 5 years, general standards are being updated and implemented. Will be starting with the 8th graders next year.
- New technology standards are being integrated into Science – they received 3D printers and microbits that were used alongside of the photosynthesis unit.
- Did well at the Science Olympiads – 11 kids won awards.
- 2 teachers are working with the “Take a look at teaching” program. The students went to Buff State and UB. If they attend Buff State and are in this program, they receive \$4k off their tuition for each year during their Bachelor program. Most of the students in this program are upper classmen.

Counseling Department

- 3 new counselors this year.
- March has been very busy
 - o Juniors – college planning activities
 - o Sessions in ELA class using a college search tool
 - o Scheduling for 2023-2024 school year
- College Night – help with the application process
- 8th Grade Taste of Tech Program (BOCES Tour)
- Career Expo 4/13 – 2nd floor – approximately 20 companies attending
- Took 10-12 students to KenTon closet in the Fall for clothes, dresses, etc.
- KW Women’s Empowerment Program had a leadership panel 3/21; about 125 participants
- Student of the Month is being changed to Best of West and will include 4 students per grade every other month. A breakfast is being held in March and May for newly nominated students.

Administration Report

- Most 2023-2024 schedules are completed. Trying to honor all but there can be conflicts.
- Students need a 90% or higher in a course to take Honors next year.
- Drop/Add is by 7/31.
- Working on district initiatives to improve interactions between students.
- Musical last weekend had 1600 presale tickets.
- Free Hugs presentation was successful.
- Spring Slam was a good boost for everyone.
- Senior Walk is 5/30.
- West Fest is 6/12.