



KENMORE WEST MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Faculty Reports:

A. Charles Panepinto - English Department Chair

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

- Beginning of year was spent trying to transition students and teachers back to in person learning - this year has had ups and downs - finally seeing students engaging more in class with discussions and participation
- Begun putting interventions in place with AIS (additional instruction and/or student support services that supplement the instruction provided in the general curriculum and assist students in meeting the NY State Common Core learning standards) so practices align with goals & students and faculty are all on the same page
- Standard protocol for end of year exams: same formula for local exams (model formula of Regents exams) and 11th graders taking a Regents exam
- Department is slowly dwindling in size due to employee attrition but the numbers are where they should be given the number of students
- Theatre Department (falls under English department) update:
 - Emma Kresge made it in the top 10 in the entire Country (out of 40,000 applicants) in the ESU National Shakespeare Competition
 - Hosted 3 great performances of *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*
 - The 24 hour play will be held June 11, 2022
 - Stage crew and production groups are growing
 - Diana Gruninger was honored at the April Board Meeting & spoke about the theatre program - students can graduate West with a 4 year degree
- West Fest - organized by Mr. Panepinto & April Owczarczak
 - Thinking of a GoFund me for next year
 - Olive Garden fundraiser was a huge success
 - Looking forward to students, faculty and staff communally coming together as one - doesn't happen at any other time in the school year

B. Patrick Carr - Science Department Chair


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- Preparing for Regents exams in Earth Science, Living Environment, Chemistry, and Physics - many students have never sat & taken a 3 hour exam which may be a challenge for some
- AIS is being offered to help students prepare for the exams

- Systematically going through curriculum so students are prepared - planning that Regents will be like exams of the past - attendance has been an issue across board
- Enrollment in science electives is down but enrollment is down with all electives - many of the science electives (forensic, anatomy) are expensive to run so may only offer one section
- There will be a shift to the 8th grade curriculum next year so it will be more inquiry based and align with other standards. The following year will have changes to biology and earth science.
- KW Environmental Club hosted week long Earth Week activities during lunch periods, participated in a Niagara Shore cleanup and will help plant at the KenTon Senior Center community garden.

III. HSA Business/Updates:

<https://www.ktufsd.org/domain/235>

- June exam info and schedule:  KW end of year exam letter 5 22.pdf
- Discussion was had on ways to help West with some of the current issues facing our students and faculty
- Food Truck Night (Thursday, May 12th) was a bust for the food truck operators, it appeared that attendance at the food trucks was steady. The orchestra concert was canceled that day which hurt attendance at the Art Show so hurt participation.
- Scholarship committee update - HSA awarded four, \$250 scholarships. Normally we award 3 scholarships but there was a tie for 3rd place.
- Prospective Board Members for next year:
 - President: Rebecca Kiel
 - Vice President:
 - Secretary: Corinne Heltz
 - Treasurer: Laurie Hayes
- Voting for board positions will take place at our June 15th meeting. If interested in a position contact one of the current board members or email kenwesthsa@gmail.com.
- Treasurer Report - after paying scholarships, staff appreciation costs and West Fest donation (\$50) we are left with around \$3,450
 - Next year we will try new ways to solicit dues from parents, faculty and staff - HSA relies on dues and pictures for revenue (both of which have been down the past two years). We don't fundraise since so many other West clubs, booster and organizations are doing their own fundraising.
- Next meeting June 15, 2022 in the KW library - guests will include ENL, FACS and counseling departments

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

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