

# KENMORE WEST MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Attendees: Kim Little, Anne Binga, Rebecca Kiel (Board members), Dean Johnson (Principal), Aimee Klipfel-Gressley, Gretchen Penrose, Chris Cavarello, Ellie Malkiewicz, Amy Fusani, Jennifer Morrow

## I. **Welcome & Introductions:** Kim Little

## II. **Principal's Report:** Dean Johnson

- Staff and students are excited about in person school & getting back to some normalcy
- Masks and social distancing going well
  - Working through adjustments in school
  - Going to be using different spaces other than just the cafeterias for lunch to spread out students
- 8th Grade Mixer went well - numbers were lower than usual but still had a good turnout
- Dances are held in the new gym where doors and windows are open & the students are able to go out in the attached, fenced area to get fresh air
  - Welcome Back dance does conflict with a football game this year only - that will not happen again
- Excited about the new Admin Team: Trevor Brown, Elizabeth DeCanio, and Denise Grandits - a mix of new & experienced administrators who will bring different strengths and backgrounds to enrich our school
- Spoke about TikTok challenge "Devious Licks"
  - Behavior will not be tolerated and all acts of vandalism will be taken very seriously
  - Students are to take pride and ownership of their school and show it respect
  - They have had quite a few incidences and had to shut down certain lavatories due to destruction
  - Next Blue Devil Connection Day will address digital citizenship
- Looking for parents to sit in on the SDMT (Shared Decision Making Team) committee - SDMT is mandated by the State
- Looking for parents to sit on a new committee with monthly meetings which is focusing on reconfiguring and restructuring school improvement plan with focus on: ELA, Math, graduation, culture and attendance
- Meet the Teacher night discussion
  - In order to keep crowds controlled all parents will follow their student's Day 1 schedule & follow all COVID protocols - apology to parents with more than one student but felt this was the best way to follow safe practices
  - Teachers will be 6' from all attendees and attendees will sit in desks, one attendee per student per room unless there is space for more
  - Each period will follow a 10 minute bell schedule
  - library & counseling offices will be open
  - Wanted to get back to some sort of normalcy and not a Google meet but could not have a true "open" house
- Welcome to our new SRO (School Resource Officer) Officer Vincent Christiano plus two security personnel & posting for a third
- Thank you to HSA for help with school pictures

- Questions about sick child policy - specifically please refer to “Return to School Information” on District website <https://www.ktufsd.org/Page/19632>
  - Remember guidelines operate on student’s own baseline
  - Remember symptoms trump vaccination
  - If a specific class goes on quarantine, vaccinated students would attend that class in another part of the building via computer
  - If student is quarantined, asynchronous work will be given
  - District Covid numbers will be made available on the District website <https://www.ktufsd.org/Page/19605>
  - Proximal & Surveillance testing will be starting early October - info on the District website <https://www.ktufsd.org/testing>
- New social worker in the building: Michele Taberski
- ? & discussion about cell phone caddies & cell phone use in school

### III. **Treasurer Report:** Anne Binga

- Currently have balance of \$4,429.92 with one outstanding scholarship check not cashed
- \$1K lower than a year ago since we received no dues last year and very little picture money (both a source of most of our revenue)

### IV. **HSA Updates**

- Tracey Buscaglia resigned her position as Co-President, we thank her for her tenure last year
- Sponsoring Homecoming Breakfast during float decorating on Saturday, October 23rd
  - Looking for volunteers & food donations
  - Watch Facebook , our HSA District page <https://www.ktufsd.org/domain/235> and email for information
  - Food donations by 8:30 that morning
  - Volunteers from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- Planning a Food Truck Rodeo in loop on May 12th during the Art Show and Orchestra concert
- Planning on Coffee House in January for combined band concert
- Possible Panera night in October
- Looking for volunteers to Chair and help with Staff Appreciation, Food Truck Rodeo & Coffee House
- Please send in HSA dues (\$10) to school with your student - thank you to all who have already donated
- Also looking for any suggestions for ways in which HSA can help West
- Asked Mr. Johnson for ways that HSA can better partner with Admin and Staff to help enrich everyone's experience - will be an ongoing conversation

V. **Adjournment:** 8:43 pm

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