

Kenai Middle School Site Council
10/02/19
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Wendy Gruber, Christie Holmes, Ken Felchle, Jen Satathite, Vaughn Dosko, Dan Cronk, Rudy Villegas

Approve Minutes: Chris motioned to approve. Wendy 2nd the motion.

New Business:

1)Elect Officers:

All three elected officer positions are open for nomination.

Chris Holmes made a motion to nominate Ken Felchle as President.

Wendy 2nd the nomination. There was no opposition.

Chris made a motion to nominate Wendy Gruber as Vice President. Jen Satathite 2nd the nomination. There was no opposition.

Chris nominated Jen Satathite as Secretary. Wendy 2nd the nomination.

The Site Council Officers for 2019-2020:

Ken Felchle President

Wendy Gruber Vice President

Jen Satathite Secretary

2) Approve Site Council By-Laws

Wendy made a motion to approve the by-laws. Chris 2nd the motion. The By-Laws were approved

3) Approve Student Handbook / Discipline Guidelines:

At the Administrators meeting, Mr Dosko found that many schools did not have a student handbook. Those schools just follow the general handbook put forth by the school district.

At the beginning of each school year all students go over the KMS School handbook with their advisory class. Our school feels that having a handbook/disciplinary guide helps our teachers and administration be consistent with the rules and guidelines. They refer to it often throughout the year with students and parents.

Christie Holmes made a motion to approve the Handbook. Wendy 2nd the motion.

4) School Improvement plan:

The state requires all schools not meeting the criteria, based on the assessment results, to make improvements. The district however, asks all schools to make improvements regardless of the assessment results. KMS has created a Smart Goal; that by the end of the 2019-20 school year all KMS teachers will make use of their planning time to develop, improve and implement Personalized Learning strategies in 50% of their lessons. The Smart Goal is just building onto last year's goal of implementing Personalized Learning into at least 1 lesson plan.

The teachers will have off site learning walks, where they will go to other schools to observe other classrooms and learn from other teachers and their teaching strategies. They will also make Teacher Presentations at in-service meetings, to share strategies with each other.

5) Peaks Testing:

The students have taken the PEAKS test, in the Spring, the last 2 years. It will take a few more years of taking this same test, before we can measure the growth accurately. Although the scores seem low, they are high when compared to the rest of the state. There has also been an increase in the number of students whose parents have allowed them to opt out of the PEAKS testing. This is just one of the many factors that have affected our schools results.

Throughout the year students take MAP tests, formerly known as Ed Performance. These tests are felt to be a better measure of where the students are, and help teachers adjust their Personal Learning plans accordingly.

6) Enrollment / Projected Enrollment:

As of 10/2 the enrollment at KMS is 373. Mr. Dosko projected 367 and the district projected 361. Next year Mr. Dosko projects our student count to be 403. He feels like this is a solid projection based on the numbers that would transfer to KMS from the feeder schools. In the past, Mr. Dosko's estimated projections have been very close to the actual enrollment numbers. There are a lot of factors that go into the process. The district usually projects us under our actual enrollment. KMS is staffed based on these numbers.

8) Staffing:

KMS is fully staffed. We have a ½ time teacher position open for a Special Ed Aide.

9) Intensive Needs:

KMS has never had an intensive needs program before. When they closed SoPrep the Kenai District special needs students needed to return to Kenai schools. KCHS has accommodated the high school students, and KMS has added 6 new kids to our school. Kenai Middle was not ADA compliant, so the borough has scheduled our school to be retro-fitted come up to code. Mr. Dosko has been working with a contractor to make the modifications on the new Intensive Needs room. The room will include a kitchen and full bath. Construction is scheduled to start in November. Caroline Cruickshank was hired as the new Special Needs teacher, along with 2 aides. Our new students have been well received by students and staff.

Next meeting : **12/4 5:15 pm**
 2/12 5:15 pm
 4/29 5:15 pm

***May 15th will be the 8th grade farewell. May 18th & 19th 6th grade camp**