

Board Meeting of Kaleidoscope APC

Date: October 18, 2021	Location: Kaleidoscope, Library in person + Zoom due
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Attendance Log:

Board Members				Staff	
V	Todd Boonstra	P	Julie Laker (Chair)		Dawn Grimm, Kelli Stroh, Cindy Hurst, Kyla Besse, Megan Coleman, Stacey Weeks
P	Nicole Shelden	V	Tony Munter		
P	Kelsey Short	P	Erin Sansotta	Guests	
	Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Vacant (Comm. Rep.)		Brandi & Greg Steele, Ronnie Whicker, Jessica Wilshusen, Suzie Metteer

Legend: P - present E - excused absence T - teleconference V - video conference X - exempt

Topic	Information - Finds - Conclusions - Recommendations
Call to Order	Julie Laker called to meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.
Mission Statement / Introductions	Kelsey Short read the KSAS mission and Board introductions were made.
Approval of Minutes	Nicole Shelden moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2021, meeting. Kelsey Short seconded.
Approval of Agenda	Kelsey Short moved to approve the October 18, 2021, agenda. Todd seconded. Unanimous consent
Board Acknowledgements	<p><i>Mrs. Stroh & Mrs. Hurst showed the board classrooms, students shared what they have learned this Quarter, (Ariah, Denali)</i></p> <p><i>Julie Laker made a board acknowledgment to let the public know what they had decided to do regarding the October 18th public comments about Covid safety that the board would watch the numbers which is a 7-day average and that if it reached 2% that would initiate a conversation, if it is below 2%, we will continue with mitigations that are currently in place. We are currently at 0.79%.</i></p>
Public Comment	<p><i>Jessica Wilshusen, appreciates that masks are optional</i></p> <p><i>Greg Steele appreciates that we are going by KPBSD policies, that we continue down that path and not going for special rules for those who do not agree with it. Keep it standardized across the board and stick with it just makes a lot more sense that way.</i></p> <p><i>Brandi Steele, this has cost animosity between many people, we are dealing with KPBSD and do not need to be dealing with this here. I will do what is best for the school at this time. If we keep doing this on off on off with masks and then we are having to make the decisions at the school sight, we will be pulling my student. Loves everyone no matter if they are masked or not. Our kids are here to learn. I have done my research and looked at the old by laws and new by-laws not sure where they came from. It should be a borough decision. I want this to stop, it is just too much.</i></p> <p><i>Ronnie Whicker, 3 kids here and 6 in school. Would appreciate not having the masks due, my children have been sick and pushed through headaches from wearing masks. Loves everyone no matter if they wear a mask or not. I would appreciate if you would love us the way that we are as well. It is unhealthy for us to wear a mask be vaccinated, please do so just do not force it on us. I appreciate you all and love this school, but I have pulled students due to what is best for her students.</i></p> <p><i>Julie Laker thanked those who made a public comment.</i></p>

Principal's Report	<p>a. <i>Staff Update- Attendance Secretary will be reposted along with 3rd & 4th grade teaching position, subs are in there for the 2nd quarter. Appreciates our staff being flexible while other staff members have been out for different reasons. Classified staff has been filling in wherever needed and appreciates that very much.</i></p> <p>b. <i>Enrollment for 2021-22 School Year – Projected Enrollment: 231 of 260 Current enrollment is at 227, K=38, 1st=43, 2nd=42, 3rd=27, 4th=44, 5th=33.</i></p> <p>c. <i>Budget – Liz Hayes is working closely with us. District budget meeting and waiting to hear. Will depend on if we get any aide. Nicole Shelden when will we know? Dawn Grimm-mid November, Nicole Shelden-will we know if we get any Cares money? Dawn Grimm- we are not sure where we stand for getting Cares money. Before Christmas break, we have to come up with our budget is. December 1st is the cut off for charter schools. As soon as we get information, we will have to have a budget meeting and get that going.</i></p> <p>d. <i>Upcoming Events – Tomorrow PTO meeting @ 5:30, Picture Retakes were canceled and rescheduled for Nov 15th, October 22nd Believe Kids ends. Parent teacher conferences coming up 25th - 29th. We will be doing it in the evenings Mon., Tues., Wed. due to no early release and then Thurs. & Fri. It is nice that the students are getting back out on study trips. 5th grade went and participated in the Egg take, so they will be taking care of the salmon this year. Nicole Shelden- in charge of the Greenhouse and needs PTO's help with building shed and landscaping. We would love to get parents excited again. We need help with getting things going. Kelsey Short- opportunity to get parents to get involved in our school. Dawn Grimm – we are back to traditional pick up and with was nice and went well. 25 minutes outside and building was cleared out in 10.</i></p>
Committee / Project Reports	<p>a. <i>Greenhouse- Nicole Shelden -Friday teachers went out and cleaned out the greenhouse. Some classes went and cleaned out some beds and we are getting it all cleaned out and winterized. Now the shed is cluttered and needs organized. Take a minute to look at the tv in front of the office to see what all the students are doing. We are excited to have the kids doing the hands-on experiences with the greenhouse.</i></p> <p>b. <i>Evaluation- Julie Laker-Twice a year we evaluate the administrator. Staff will receive evaluation forms today and due next week. Parents and families' surveys will be available on Google Forms and hopefully we will have more feedback that way, they will be available during parent/teacher conferences, and we will have paper copies available as well.</i></p> <p>c. <i>Budget- We will have more meetings when we have numbers to work with</i></p> <p>d. <i>Curriculum- The Board took their ideas and brought them to Mrs. Grimm. She gave to the whole staff during a staff meeting and they all looked at them. Took questions that were generated, and we discussed within the grade levels. How can we meet or exceed the needs of our students and we have taken math as our academic one and showing parents that students are learning math? We looked at what curriculum we are and are not using to see if we need to look at another math curriculum or if it works. We all looked at our charter and what that looked like per grade level. We are constantly going back to our charter and making sure that we are meeting our standards. We are looking at other things not just standardized tests. Students are not understanding the proper testing procedures for computer-based tests. Nicole Shelden - Computerized testing is not accurate because students do not know how to type yet or are just clicking buttons.</i></p>
Discussion Items	<p>a. <i>Community Representative- We can have 2 community members on board. We currently have 0 since Liz Burk left. We been seeking candidates and had 2 candidates; one we had to pass on because we can't have more than 2 people from the same family on the board. The second one is Joe Rizzo a retired teacher from Nikiski. He taught debate and theatre and is very into the arts and owns the Triumvirate Theater. We will have him for a year. Can we vote or do we appoint? Nicole Shelden- Addressed question on by-law changes from Brandi Steele. That it was prompted by another Charter school to revise the By-Laws. We have so much more in the new by-laws is because that we had to revise because of an attorney come in and want things to update.</i></p>

	<p><i>Todd Boonstra- thinks it a good idea maybe we can get him for 2 years.</i></p> <p><i>Tony Munter- we need to make sure that we see what the by-laws state before we do anything. We will look more into this during our next meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Julie Laker- we need to revisit during our training.</i></p> <p>b. Enrollment</p> <p><i>Do we add new students after count date? Nicole Shelden thinks it is important that we need to continue to add students after count to bump up our enrollment for next year.</i></p> <p><i>Dawn Grimm- 3rd & 4th is tricky. We can add in some grades but not others. Enrollment is coming up in March and we have tried a lot of things. Ideas of Advertising-coffee sleeves for coffee stands have students decorate and we put a stamp on it and give it to the coffee stands. Mrs. Hurst & Mrs. Stroh puts artwork at the Visitors center and changes it out. Placing artwork just takes more time. Go to Pre-schools and give fliers. Radio advertising.</i></p> <p><i>Kelsey Short- we can take out add space in the plays that are going on in the community.</i></p> <p><i>Dawn Grimm- Making the exception to add students while the numbers are down, and we need to get it up to 260. Projected enrollment submitted to the district for y23 is 260.</i></p> <p><i>Ronnie Whicker- Advertise that it is not a neighborhood school (no boundaries.)</i></p> <p><i>Dawn Grimm- using all the festivals with booths and have parent prospective.</i></p> <p><i>Erin Sansotta- Kindness based fundraiser and students do pledges for doing random acts of kindness. Incorporate that into advertising.</i></p> <p><i>Social Media is a good way to advertise, we just must be mindful of what is posted. We will be posting more online. We must represent our school in a positive way and monitor comments as well.</i></p>
Public Comment	<p><i>Brandi Steel apologies for coming off so strong. She appreciates, loves KSAS and the staff, but feels out of the loop, it does not feel as homey as it used to feel and hopes that feeling comes back.</i></p> <p><i>Kyla Besse- the school district has an amazing job of coming up with the mandates and rules and utilizing them for questions and comments, that comes from parent.</i></p> <p><i>Ronnie Whicker- would like to have the interaction with her teachers again.</i></p> <p><i>Kelsey Short- the new pick-up procedure will hopefully help with that.</i></p> <p><i>Greg Steele- when picking up in school today was nice to see faces again. We miss the personal feeling that KSAS has. Brandi Steele- this school was all about the volunteers. Hopefully we can get more parents involved.</i></p> <p><i>Nicole Shelden- our school has always been about having volunteers.</i></p>
Board Comment	<p><i>Board training this week Wednesday and Thursday from 4:00-6:00 in person and on zoom?</i></p> <p><i>Board members please look at the agenda and by-laws, bring binders so that we can go through them and organized them.</i></p>
Executive Session, if needed	Not needed
Notice of Next Meeting & Adjournment	<p>Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Julie Laker adjourned the regular meeting at 5:37 p.m.</p>