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| **KMS Site Council Meeting** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date: Feb. 8, 2022 | | | | | Location: Kenai Middle School Library | | | | | | |
| Attendance Log: | | |  | |  | |  | | |  |  | |
| **Site Council Members** | | | | | | | | | **Staff** | | |
| X | Vaughn Dosko | | | | | X | | Sarah Castimore |  | |  |
|  | Tracie Beck | | | | | X | | Dan Cronk |  | |  |
| X | Rinna Carson | | | | | X | | Megan Smith | **Guests** | | |
| X | Rob Carson | | | | |  | |  |  | |  |
| Legend: X - present E - excused absence T - teleconference V - video conference | | | | | | | | | | | |  | |  |  |  |  |
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| **Topic** | | | | | | **Information - Finds - Conclusions - Recommendations** | | | | | |
| Call to Order | | | | | | Dan Cronk called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. | | | | | |
| Approval of Minutes | | | | | | Dan moved to approve the minutes from the KMS Site Council meeting on Dec. 6, 2021.  Megan – 2nd  Passed - Unanimous Consent | | | | | |
| **OLD BUSINESS** | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| Winter Sports | | | | | | Winter Sports are well on the way. Wrestling has approx. 40 students participating, volleyball has approx. 50 and Nordic skiing has around 50 as well. | | | | | |
| Robotics | | | | | | KMS hosted the regional tournament and the KMS Robotics team went on to qualify for the State competition in which they did very well and earned some trophies. | | | | | |
| Clubs | | | | | | This week will have the final day of clubs and the students have been enjoying participating in the various clubs that were offered by the school. The clubs have eased the monotony of the long winter/3rd quarter. | | | | | |
| Playground | | | | | | KMS has started preliminary dissemination of information via Facebook and emails. KMS is hoping for some donations as this movement gains some steam. | | | | | |
| P/T Conferences | | | | | | Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled on Feb. 17 and Feb. 18.  Feb. 17 will run from 12NN-4PM, 5PM-7PM and will be arena style. There are limited spots for appointment on Feb. 18 but most of that day is dedicated to team meetings with individual families.  February attendance has historically been less than attendance for the Oct. conferences but is still fairly well attended. | | | | | |
| Tutoring | | | | | | After School Tutoring is anticipated to run until Spring Break. Tutoring days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Bussing is provided. | | | | | |
| Winter Sports | | | | | | KMS offers a variety of winter sports namely:   * Nordic Skiing – offered to grades 6-8; Co-ed * Wrestling – offered to grades 6-8; co-ed * Volleyball – will have 3 teams, 8th grade A team, 7th grade A team, and mixed 7th-8th B team; girls only   All winter sports have coaching positions filled. | | | | | |
| Robotics | | | | | | KMS will host a Robotics competition on January 8, 2021. KPBSD teams as well as outside of district (Anchorage, etc) teams are expected to compete in this event. We will be seeking volunteers. | | | | | |
| Clubs | | | | | | Clubs have been a staple at KMS for the past 20 years. KMS have offered clubs with the intention of breaking away from the mid-winter doldrums and it is something that students have always looked forward to. It is also another avenue for teachers to see students outside of their grade cohort.  Clubs will be offered every Wednesday starting in January. It will be at the last period of the day.  New offerings this year include ping-pong, winter activities (outdoor club), and drum-making.  We will have 5 club sessions in total. | | | | | |
| Playground | | | | | | KMS is considering adding some playground equipment to our school. KMS is a firm believer in outside recess and movement and adding some equipment to the campus will be beneficial not only to our students but to the surrounding community in general.  The equipment in main consideration is the climbing equipment, similar to the one installed in the S. Forest playground. Vaughn believes that it is fitting for the age group we have.  Consider looking into donations or corporate sponsorships perhaps. | | | | | |
| Summer School | | | | | | KPBSD is looking to utilize some of the COVID funding towards summer school to help aid with credit recovery and to help support students who have suffered some considerable backsliding due to the instability of the last couple of years.  The district is in the early planning stages for this and there are options for employees to staff the summer school program. | | | | | |
| Parent Teacher Conferences | | | | | | Parent teacher conference will be on February 17 and February 18, 2022. Last quarter’s conference rollout via signups on Signup Genius seemed to fit a wider range of diverse family needs. There is varying feedback regarding preference towards the previous format of arena style versus signing up for appointments.  There is a possibility of offering up a hybrid style between the two (arena and signups) in order to accommodate more families and so the teachers are really able to touch base with as many families as possible. | | | | | |
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| **NEW BUSINESS** | | | | | |  | | | | | |
| Band and Choir Concert | | | | | | There will be a combined mass and choir concert on Mar. 1, 2022 at the KCHS Auditorium.  Choir will have their Pops Concert on April 26, 2022. | | | | | |
| 7th and 8th Grade Field trip | | | | | | 7th grade will have their Island Lake Ice Fishing Field trip on Mar. 3, 2022.  8th grade will have their Solid Rock field trip on Mar. 3, 2022 | | | | | |
| Spring Pictures | | | | | | Spring pictures will be on Mar. 16 | | | | | |
| Early Release Fridays | | | | | | KMS is looking for feedback on Early Release Fridays. Sarah offered that as a parent she was not a fan of early release Fridays and is concerned about the shortened instructional time. Dan concurred. | | | | | |
| KCHS Tour | | | | | | 8th graders will be touring the high school on Feb. 14. The high school will be showcasing the CTE courses and all other electives. | | | | | |
| Spring Open House | | | | | | A spring open house for incoming 6th graders is in the works. Date: TBD. | | | | | |
| Spelling Bee | | | | | | The schoolwide Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb. 24. As an aside, the Geography Bee has been cancelled by National Geographic permanently. We are looking into maybe doing just a schoolwide Geo Bee. | | | | | |
| 6th Grade Challenger Field Trips | | | | | | 6th Grade Challenger Field trips will be happening on the week of Feb. 22, 2022 | | | | | |
| PEAKS Testing | | | | | | The State Standardized test has now switched from PEAKS to the MAPS. This is a dedicated test only for standardized testing purposes and will be in addition to the 3 MAPS benchmark tests that are already being administered to the students yearly. | | | | | |
| Spring Sports | | | | | | Intramural Basketball and Volleyball will be happening on the last week of February all the way to mid-March. Both intramurals will have girls and boys participants.  Track and Field will begin on the last week of March. | | | | | |
| Drama | | | | | | The Drama class is working on a Moana production. Performances are scheduled on April 29 and April 30 at the KCHS Auditorium. We have a guest parent who is helping with the choreography. | | | | | |
| District Budget Meetings | | | | | | KPBSD is holding informational meetings on the budget. It is open to the public. KCHS is hosting one of these meetings on Feb. 16 at 6PM at the KCHS library. | | | | | |
| Other Business | | | | | | Sarah inquired about a possible Activity Night. Vaughn will forward that question to Sammie Johnson.  Rinna asked about the proposed security renovations for KMS that has been discussed. Vaughn responded that that has been in the borough docket for decades, even with the previous KMS administration, and will follow up with the district at their upcoming meeting. | | | | | |
| Next Meeting | | | | | | The next site council meeting is on April 25, 2022 at 5:00PM at the KMS library. | | | | | |
| Adjournment | | | | | | Megan moved to adjourn the meeting.  2nd – Sarah  Dan adjourned the meeting at 5:40PM. | | | | | |