

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – March 28, 2022
Report No. 21-123

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING

Regular Meeting – March 14, 2022

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Mr. Marihugh, Mrs. Reidzans, Mrs. Tanis, Ms. Sellers, and Mrs. Ward

Absent: Ms. Townsend

Also present: Samuel L. Wright, Superintendent

Eric Alcorn, Director of Human Services

Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

President Tanis called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and Visitors recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled board meetings will be held:

March 28, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

April 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

May 09, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

May 23, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

June 13, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS - None

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Marihugh, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve Consent Agenda items 21-114, 21-115, 21-116, and 21-117.

21-114 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 02/28/22

21-115 Approval of Personnel Report

21-116 Approval of 2022-23 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

21-117 Approval of Kelloggsville Community Celebration Date

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

A. Approval: 2021-22 Budget Amendments

It was moved by Mrs. Reidzans, seconded by Mrs. Ward, to approve the 2021-22 Budget Amendments as presented

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

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B. Approval: E-Rate Bids

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Reidzans, to approve the E-Rate bids as presented.

Yeas: 6 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

PROPOSAL - None

INFORMATION & REPORTS

A. Instruction Goals Committee

The Instruction Goals Committee (Owen – Chair, Ward, M. Groters, Reidzans, Schilthuis, Travis, Farkas, Stevens, Caterino, Morrow, Patin), shared an update on their goal progress:

Instruction Goal #1

Review and evaluate K-12 Language Arts data, curriculum and resources.

Desired Results: 1) Ensure that all students are reaching proficiency in reading and writing; 2) Ensure that materials used are culturally appropriate for all students.

Instruction Goal #2

Review and evaluate K-12 Science data, curriculum and resources.

Desired Results: 1) Ensure that all students are reaching proficiency in science; 2) Ensure that materials used are culturally appropriate for all students.

Instruction Goal #3

Review and evaluate K-12 Social Studies data, curriculum and resources.

Desired Results: 1) Ensure that all students are reaching proficiency in Social Studies; 2) Ensure that materials used are culturally appropriate for all students.

Instruction Goal #4

Analyze the process used to select students for advanced placement classes in the middle school and high school.

Desired Results: Ensure that students from all backgrounds have opportunities for advanced placement.

Instruction Goal #6

Develop and enhance the Broadcast Journalism Programs at the secondary level.

Desired Results: Provide students with the opportunity to participate in the field of broadcasting and journalism.

Instruction Goal #7

Monitor virtual instruction by evaluating the platforms being used during the 2021-22 school year by Kelloggsville Virtual School.

Desired Results: Provide virtual learners with the education necessary to be successful.

Board of Education Goal #5

Monitor and promote the Kelloggsville Virtual School program.

Desired Results: Ensure that virtual learners are provided with the education necessary to be successful while promoting and expanding the opportunities of the program for the future.

Instruction Goal #8

Evaluate the effectiveness of our benchmark assessments (NWEA) as well as investigating other assessment options both at the district and building level.

Desired Results: Ensure that assessments used meet the needs of the district to measure student growth and drive instruction.

Combining the report for Instruction Goals #1 - #3, Mr. Owen summarized curriculum material updates for K-12 in the areas of ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies. He shared updates on recent purchases, curriculum materials that are under review, newly implemented materials, and resources that are in consideration for implementation for the 2022-23 school year. As a follow-up to his previous update on Instruction Goal #4, Mr. Owen shared that based on the enrollment (by race) in advanced classes, the process currently in place to identify students does not appear to be unfair or be selective based on race. Moving forward, the committee recommends continuing the promotion of all opportunities for advanced placement classes to parents and students. For Instruction Goal #4, he reported that the K-5 SEL Second Step program is going well. Counselors are teaching the lessons, with classroom teachers incorporating follow-up activities and at KMS, the PRIDE teachers are showing the lessons to their students. An effective resource for 9th-12th graders is still under review, including details on instruction and implementation, adding that indications are that the MDE may fund a program called T.R.A.I.L.S. which is currently an option that will be researched. Instruction Goal #6 continues to progress with the purchase of new computers, recording equipment, associated hardware and a software management system for the broadcasting programs at the secondary level. Computers were recently installed at KMS that have the capability to run the programs that include activities such as public service announcements, book-reading recordings, and a movie trailer created by students. The computers purchased for the high school program are still scheduled for installation and the new design for the STEM building includes a dedicated space for the program including a “green” room and recording room. Mrs. Taylor shared an update related to Instructional Goal #7 and BOE Goal #5. Monitoring of the KVS instructional platforms that are currently underway were reported at the elementary level to be successfully providing programs that fit the needs of the students. At the middle school level, she reported on the recommendation to move some higher-level electives to high school and add a different computer course offering for students. Current programming at the high school is also meeting the needs of students with the recommendation to add more electives for those that are finished with the majority of their required coursework. She reported on some changes and additions that will be implemented for the 2022-23 school year in the categories of instruction, courses, and extras, including intramural opportunities, additional electives, in-person options, athletics, school plays, and a variety of other clubs and activities. She also reported on the aggressive KVS marketing plan, both to current KVS students, resident students, and to other surrounding districts.

Lastly, for Instruction Goal #8, a committee is currently reviewing presentations from three (3) other approved benchmark assessments besides NWEA and are working through researching the pros and cons of each to determine if there is a better assessment that measures student growth to drive instruction. The committee will present their final goal update on 05/09/22.

B. Community Goals Committee

The Community Goals Committee (C. Groters – Chair, Townsend, E. Scott, Ball, Blok, Linker, Roscoe, Muhammad, and Hand), shared an update on their goal progress:

Community Goal #1

Re-establish the Community Coalition and Division Avenue partnership.

Desired Results: Enhance and showcase community involvement.

Community Goal #2

Partner with local health officials to provide a vaccine clinic for the Kelloggville community.

Desired Results: Provide wellness opportunities to our community.

Community Goal #3

Continue to promote and market the district, using various media platforms, while investigating additional options.

Desired Results: Continue to communicate and showcase the district and create an atmosphere of pride within the KPS community.

Community Goal #4

Develop a list of area realtors to educate them on what Kelloggville has to offer.

Desired Results: Develop and foster a positive relationship with the local realtor community to share and discuss KPS points of pride in an effort to attract new families to the community.

Community Goal #5

Build and expand partnerships with local businesses to provide more options to our students in the school-to-work program.

Desired Results: Continue to build and expand the school-to-work program.

Community Goal #6/BOE Goal "A"

Create a community and staff focused webpage to provide Health and Wellness resources, along with a newsletter, for our community.

Desires Results: Educate the community on current health issues and general wellness.

Ms. Groters shared that her report tonight will focus on two (2) goals. For Community Goal #1, she shared in her last report that a community coalition meeting was being planned for February. That meeting did not take place but a meeting is scheduled for April. The initial goal was to hold the meeting virtually however now, the plan will be to hold a hybrid meeting, both in-person with a virtual option.

A list of partners has been compiled with new members added and a letter has been drafted to invite them to the first meeting. She added that the Division Avenue Partnership has not been very active as of lately but it is hopeful that this group will start again soon. For Community Goal #3, she provided statistics on the number of social media followers and page likes from Facebook (3,300) and Instagram (668) and shared that the district is now in ownership of the Kelloggville LinkedIn platform. She shared that LinkedIn will be utilized in the future to promote all certified job opportunities, hoping that it will be as successful as support staff job openings which have recently been posted on the district's Facebook page, resulting in many recent hires. The committee will share their final update on their goal status on 05/09/22

C. Parent-Teacher Conferences

Building administrators updated the Board on the recent parent-teacher conferences held this past February and March. Mr. Schilthuis reported on the participation rates for the elementary program; KECLC – 100%, Southeast Elementary – 92%, West Elementary – 93%, and Central – 90%. He shared that a hybrid format was available to parents, providing in-person, virtual, phone, and text or email options, adding that parents appreciated the variety of formats by choosing what fit their needs best. Moving forward, the hybrid option will continue to be offered. Mr. Morrow also shared that the middle school conferences provided a hybrid format for parents to choose from, comparing the last three (3) years to this year, which reflected 78% of parent participation. He added that translation services that were provided helped to make this hybrid option successful. At the high school level, Mr. Alston shared that this past parent-teacher conference participation rate was the highest level since 2016, with 25% of parent attendance through options available in a hybrid format, which will continue in the future. Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Taylor also reported on parent participation rates that included 71% attendance by KVS families and 10% for 54th Street students. At both levels, additional contacts were made with the remaining parents and/or students on their progress.

OTHER MATTERS - None

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Mrs. Reidzans – shared that the recent article on Mr. Wright's upcoming retirement was enjoyable to read and thanked him for his wonderful leadership and the success he has provided for the District, including the Superintendent succession plan;
- Mr. Marihugh – reflected on the budget amendments that are a great representation of how it is applied to our students and commended everyone involved on their hard work;
- Ms. Sellers – shared appreciation for Mr. Wright's leadership in the District's finances and commended everyone for their hard work on all of the outstanding reports; curriculum, instruction, social media platforms, conferences, etc. She also enjoyed the article on Mr. Wright's retirement;
- Mrs. Groters – nothing;
- Mrs. Ward – echoed the praise for all on the good things happening in the District and the hard work of everyone. She congratulated Ms. Hjelm on her retirement announcement and share appreciation for all of her many years of dedicated service – she will be missed;

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- Mrs. Tanis – nothing;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Jim Alston, Eric Schiltuis, Chad Morrow, Beth Taylor, Russ Hoorn, Kim Stevens, Cassie Groters, Jen Sherman, Suzanne Schmier, Terri Ricketson, and Dan Botting.