

The Kauri Sue Hamilton School  
School Community Council  
Monday, November 16, 2020

9:30- a.m.

Attendees: Staff-Courtney Titus, Shelley Woeste, Jenny Pedler and Emily (also a parent)

Parents: Mikell Gunderson, April Sintz, Rachael Farley, Brittany Jeppson, and Amber Beck

Parents not present: Jenny Gunnell, Heather Miller, Andrea Soper

1. Introductions-Each attendee introduced themselves and their role with the school.
2. COVID – 19 Discussion  
Kauri Sue staff expressed that they are happy to be at school with the kids, that in-person school is what is best for the kids, and a willingness to do whatever it takes (including lots of cleaning) to keep the school open. Parents expressed appreciation for school staff and confidence in the safety and preventative measures being taken by Courtney and the staff. Courtney expressed that she feels a lot of responsibility and concern for the kids at this time. She explained that the district dashboard does not exactly represent what's going on at Kauri Sue, since so many other entities fall under the Kauri Sue umbrella. Positive cases have been identified and procedures have been followed through with the health department. Cases have been consistent with outside socializing and not school activities. Courtney encouraged the parents to reach out with any COVID concerns now and in the future. She explained how the logistical set up at the school involves no overlap of classes in the same areas and a 15-minute cleaning time between groups. Emily expressed that Courtney and her staff have handled the few cases in a professional and caring manner.
3. SIBS-Courtney asked for those parents who had kids attend the two previous sibs meetings for feedback on how those meetings went and if they wanted to see them continue. Parents responded that their kids

enjoyed them and would like to see them continue. Courtney will proceed to set up some future dates.

4. KSHS Facebook Page-This has been set up to keep us informed. The link is available in the newsletter.
5. Accreditation-Courtney expressed that the review process has been completed for this school year, but that the results have not come in yet. She appreciates the parents for participating. It looks as if the school won't be up for review again for another 5 years.
6. Great things Happening at KSHS-Courtney shared that despite this year's challenges, great things are happening. Behavior incidences are down with only five-time outs issued and the implementation of the Get Ready and Get Your Wiggles Out Programs. The school will have a Christmas Program (Corona Style) featuring Superintendent Godfrey and his guitar and we had some discussion about how the Spring Fling will take place or could take place this school year. Courtney will meet with Cassie the music therapist to come up with ideas.
7. Future SCC meetings will be held virtually or in the main office conference room at 9:30 a.m. –
  - a. Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
8. Staff was excused and parents and Courtney held a discussion about teacher appreciation. It was determined to have a Teacher Appreciation Week later in the year, but to also initiate some smaller expressions of gratitude throughout the year as follows:
  - a. We will encourage parents to write notes to their child's staff by providing cards to send to parents. Rachael has submitted a template in the past and it should be on file in the office. Mikell is working on a Thanksgiving appreciation card template in hopes that some parents will write cards for next week's holiday.
  - b. Treat/Food for Teachers such as donuts and hot chocolate or whatever the organizing team come up with. Those wishing to

participate but not assigned to a team are welcome to join the following:

- i. December-Brittany and April
  - ii. February-Mikell and Amber
  - iii. May-Rachael and Jenny Gunnell
- c. SCC Board members are encouraged to look for sponsors and for ideas for teacher appreciation efforts so that we can assess budgetary needs. Courtney asked us to think of theme ideas.