

The Kauri Sue Hamilton School
School Community Council
Monday, January 25, 2021
9:30- a.m.
Google Meet – Virtual link
Minutes

Attendees: Heather Miller, Rachael Farley, Brittany Jeppson, Mikell, Gunderson, April Sintz, Amber Beck, Shelley Woeste, Emily Griffith, Jenny Pedler, and Courtney Titus

1. Introductions were deemed unnecessary since they occurred at previous meetings.
2. COVID – 19 Updates-Courtney shared that the school is complying with the new COVID exposure guidelines and that some staff have already received the first round of the vaccine.
3. Fundraising- Kauri Sue has been successful in soliciting funds from area high schools. We hope this can be an ongoing partnership with the high schools since the Kauri Sue students all live in the high schools communities. Copper Hills has donated \$10,000 already and both Bingham and Mountain Ridge HS have committed to donating funds. Bingham High School is holding their fundraiser soon. The funds will be used for devices and equipment that will help the students at Kauri Sue become more independent.
4. Accreditation-The accreditation report is back. It went well and Kauri Sue will not be due for another 5 years. The accreditors did want an official school improvement plan and although it is covered in the Land Trust Plan, Courtney is putting one together. The four goals it lists are 1) Language Arts (required), 2) Math Focus (also required), 3) Behavior Goal, and 4) Functional/Life Skills. The team at Kauri Sue is working on the development of these goals.
5. Spring Fling/Starlight Dance/Graduation/Celebration of Life- Cassie is developing the Spring Fling which will be themed “Sing” from that movie. It

will be filmed at school and parents will be given access to view it. The Starlight Dance will not take place and Graduation will be the same as last year-Teachers decorating graduate's yards and a parade at school. Celebration of Life is changing. The school purchasing the child's favorite book and staff will write messages about the child and give the book to the family of the child who has passed away.

6. Parents and staff shared their feelings about kids being home on Fridays. Parents struggle as it is hard juggling the child with their other responsibilities including schoolwork of other kids. Some like the freedom it gives them to provide outside therapy to the child and for family adventures. Staff expressed that Fridays give them opportunities to meet, prepare, and train staff-which they never had with a 5-day school schedule. Courtney asked parents if they'd like kids to come on a set Friday during the month if that were possible. If their student is coming in they would prefer a set schedule. The parents would like to know what is happening next year so they can make the necessary arrangements.
7. SIBS is generating a smaller crowd and those who attend are enjoying it. Parents would like it to continue. Staff is willing to continue. Courtney will get SIBS dates and links out to everyone.
8. Teacher Appreciation efforts are appreciated. Brittany and April brought in Crumble Cookies and hot chocolate in December and it went well. Mikell and Amber will do it in February. Mikell is going to create a card template for parents to write notes to staff in March or April. Heather is going to assemble something for teacher upon their return from Spring Break. And Rachael and Jenny will do something in May.
9. Future SCC meetings will be held virtually or in the main office conference room at 9:30 a.m. –
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