

KELLOGGSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting – March 27, 2023
Report No. 22-125

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES OF
MEETING

Regular Meeting – March 13, 2023

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Groters, Ms. Rocha, Ms. Sellers, Mrs. Reidzans,
Mrs. Tanis, Ms. Townsend and Mrs. Ward
Also present: Jim Alston, Superintendent
Jeff Owen, Director of Instruction
Eric Alcorn, Assistant Superintendent
Ngoc Dinh, Student Board Representative
DeMarreon Rodriguez, Student Board Representative

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 27, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
April 24, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
May 08, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center
May 22, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Center

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) was shared that acknowledged the accomplishments of Mrs. Marie Groters, for being an award recipient by completing an individual board development course – Data Skills Specialty.

VISITORS

President Tanis welcomed visitors.

Hand2Hand Program – Ms. Jodi Joseph, Hand2Hand Program Director, along with Ms. Mallory Plowman, Hand2Hand Coordinator + Kids Hope Director @ Faith Community Church, shared a brief summary of the program that is currently taking place at West Kelloggsville Elementary. The program began in 2008 when program leaders learned of hungry kids in their own neighborhood and that the weekend is the most vulnerable time for a student whose home lacks food resources because they do not have access to their school breakfast and lunch. Since that time, the program has spread to eight counties, over 10,008 students served in 268 schools throughout 42 districts. The program partners with area churches to provide identified students nutritiously packed food backpacks that go home discreetly with students over the weekend.

Ms. Josphe shared that approximately 38 students at West are currently receiving this resource and the program's overall desire would be to provide all students, ages 3-18 in Kelloggsville, access to weekend food support. The Board shared their appreciation for the support of our students.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Ward, seconded by Ms. Sellers, to approve Consent Agenda items 22-116, 22-117, 22-118, 22-119, 22-120 and 22-121.

- 22-116 Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 02/27/23
- 22-117 Approval of Personnel Report
- 22-118 Approval of 2023-24 Board of Education Meeting Dates
- 22-119 Approval of Community Celebration Date
- 22-120 Approval of 6th Grade Camp Dates
- 22-121 Approval of Future Graduation Dates

Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

ACTION - None

PROPOSAL - None

Information & Reports

A. GEAR UP Wyoming

GRCC GEAR UP Wyoming Director, Steven Beauclair, shared a brief summary on the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) cohort that this year's class of KHS juniors are part of. GRCC received a \$2.1 million, six-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to fund the program, which focuses on increasing college and career readiness of students in four Wyoming school districts: Wyoming, Kelloggsville, Godwin and Godfrey-Lee. Awarded in 2018, it started with 7th graders through a cohort model and each year students receive individualized academic support, specifically in the area of math, with a focus on preparing them for postsecondary education – whether it is college, a certification or training program, or military service. The grant also provides support and professional development opportunities to staff and school counselors/advisors, scholarships to GEAR UP graduates, workshops for parents, and most recently has collaborated with several universities to issue letters of admissions and waive application fees to students for the purpose of increasing FAFSA completions and subsequent college enrollments. The Board shared their appreciation to Mr. Beauclair for the opportunities that this program provides to our students.

B. 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 Pre K-2 buildings which included a hybrid format, providing in-person, virtual,

phone, and text/email formats; KECLC- 55% in-person + 45% virtual, Southeast Elementary – 75% in-person + 25% virtual and West Elementary – 85% in-person + 15% virtual. Ms. Farkas reported on participation rates for 3rd – 5th grades which also included the same format options, adding that a Scholastic Book Fair coincided with P/T dates which proved to be very successful; 3rd grade – 90%, 4th grade – 80%, 5th grade – 84%. Mrs. Lanser provided results of middle school conferences, which due to inclement weather, all secondary programs held only the first night which resulted in lower overall attendance rates; 6th grade – 14%, 7th grade – 12% and 8th grade – 16%. It was noted that other options were available to parents, in place of the missed second night, that included formats that were most convenient to parents. Mrs. Lanser also shared a brief update on the revised tardy policy that was implemented at the start of the second semester. Not including 1st hour tardies, the new policy has resulted in 975 tardies which is a decrease of 825 from Quarter 1 and a decrease of 1379 from Quarter 2. To reward the 191 students with zero tardies, a special celebration is being planned for the week of March 20th. At the high school level, Mr. Gentile also noted the decline in participation rates due to the cancelled second night; 9th grade – 9%, 10th grade – 11%, 11th grade – 6%, 12th grade – 8%, but added that a variety of options were available to parents to receive communication in regards to their students' progress, specifically targeting those that are struggling. Lastly, Mrs. Sherman presented the results for both 54th Street Academy and KVS (held virtual through email or phone communications); 54th St. – 10% and KVS – Elementary – 85%, MS – 69%, HS – 79%. At both levels, additional contacts were made with remaining parents and/or students on their progress.

C. Report: Instructional Goals Committee

The Instructional Goals Committee (J. Owen – Chair, Ward, Reidzans, Schilthuis, Taylor, Farkas, Fountaine, Sherman, Morrow, Patin, Lathrop), shared an update on their goal progress:

Instructional Goal #3

Monitor the implementation of new curricular materials in all core subjects.

Desired Results: All new curriculum, in both print and digital formats, will be used effectively by classroom teachers to increase student achievement.

Instructional Goal #4

Improve achievement scores in all state-mandated, district benchmark assessments and local assessments.

Desired Results: 1.) State mandated test scores (SAT, M-Step, WIDA) will be on par or higher than surrounding districts with similar demographics. 2.) Using NWEA data, 50% of all students will make the expected growth from the Fall and Winter to Spring testing periods. 3.) Close achievement gaps that currently exist among demographic groups.

Instructional Goal #6

Monitor the programming offered by Kelloggville Virtual School.

Desired Results: Provide the best possible virtual learning environment for our students as well as attract additional students to the program.

Mr. Owen shared that for Goal #3, 6-12 English, “Into Literature”, teachers have been working hard to master the different components with several sessions of training opportunities provided to ensure a successful transition. Additional trainings will be scheduled for this summer and specific grade-level coaching arrangements will be provided for the 2023-24 school year. For 6-8 Science, teachers are using the newly added OpenSciEd resource materials, and TCI Social Studies is currently in its second year of implementation, along with Envision Math for grades 3-5. It was noted that the district would be more deliberate in making an effort to ensure that all new staff receive training needed for each resource. For Goal #4, Mr. Owen shared in January that achievement scores for state mandated assessments are in three parts; SAT, M-Step, and WIDA. Using NWEA data from the fall semester, he shared MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Student Achievement Distribution by Subgroups for all grade levels in the subject areas of Math, Reading, and Science. He reviewed areas where subgroups reflected a gap from other subgroups, scoring low/low average, adding that the upcoming Winter Benchmark Data will be an indicator of improved scores and that the goal of 50% across the board will continue to be worked towards. Lastly, for Goal #6, he shared in January that most of the programs offered by KVS last year are continuing with some additional courses and supports implemented this school year. Envision Math and Khan Academy were incorporated for additional support in math, Libby for online library resources, and new courses in art education, band, computer science electives and college/career prep were also implemented. In addition to those, a 7th grade Health class has been added to focus on mental and emotional health, fitness and nutrition, drugs and disease, and sexual health. A Creative Writing 12 Class has also been added that gives seniors the option to take this class or English 12. The committee will present their final report on 05/08/23.

OTHER MATTERS - None

STUDENT COMMENTS

- Ngoc Dinh – nothing;
- DeMarreon Rodriguez – springs sports started today, DeMarreon is participating in Track & Field and Ngoc in Tennis. He also shared that the Hand2Hand program is really good for our community and helpful to our students and families;

INTRODUCTION OF MATTERS BY BOARD MEMBERS

- Ms. Townsend – shared appreciation to the Hand2Hand program – she is thankful for their support, especially when it is difficult to know the specific needs of students and families. She also appreciates the GEAR UP program, adding that there are so many great things going on in our community and how it overall helps our kids as they grow in their education. She appreciated the information on parent-teacher conferences, even with the low numbers at the secondary levels. She thanked staff for everything they do for our students and congratulated the seniors who have recently signed with colleges;

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- Mrs. Reidzans – was excited to hear about the amazing details associated with the GEAR UP program and the opportunities it gives to our students. She congratulated the retirees and thanked them for everything they do;
- Ms. Rocha – thanked the retiring staff for their dedication. She shared appreciation for the GEAR UP program and remembers when she was a student and how that focus is on academics, not always thinking through the cost of programs at varying universities/colleges - it is nice for students to be aware of their options. She thanked the Hand2Hand program, especially how they place the backpacks discreetly in student lockers the night before – it is a great program and she is excited to see it grow;
- Mrs. Ward – shared that we will miss the experience of the retiring teachers – they will be hard to replace. She shared appreciation for the Hand2Hand program and is hopeful that it finds new partnerships with area churches. She is also thankful for the support of the GEAR Up program and is hopeful that those types of resources can be shared with all of our students;
- Mrs. Groters – also shared that it would be nice to continue the GEAR Up program or some of its components with all other students. She shared appreciation for the Hand2Hand program and hopes they can find additional churches to partner with. She also shared her experience of the KIASB Dinner Meeting and enjoyed hearing the heartfelt and sincere words of the student presenters;
- Ms. Sellers – expressed gratitude for all of the opportunities that our students receive, not only in academics, but also by meeting their other various needs. She also attended the KIASB Dinner and enjoyed hearing how students view things and how they would like to make a difference;
- Mrs. Tanis – also attended the KIASB event, adding that the dinner was great, especially since we have a high school student in the culinary program and it was nice to see her talents showcased. She appreciated hearing from the students, in their own words and from their viewpoint on how stressful it can be to be a student, adding that she was very impressed with how well they communicated their thoughts;

ADJOURNMENT

President Tanis adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Marie Groters, Secretary
Kelloggsville Board of Education

Beth A. Postma
Recorder

VISITORS: Eric Schilthuis, Jen Sherman, Chad Morrow, James Gentile, Cassie Groters, Terri Ricketson, Steve Beauclair, Kelly Farkas, Marissa Lanser, Jodi Joseph, Mallory Plowman.