



KCA Board Minutes

August 22, 2024

5pm by Zoom and in person at KCA

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Meeting called to order at 5:04pm by Tina King-Washington

Welcome -

Roll Call -

Alicia - here

Raleigh - here

Tawnie - here

Ceriss - here

Tina - here

Approve agenda for 8/22 - Raleigh motions, Alicia seconds, agenda approved 5:05pm

Approve minutes for July meeting - Tawnie motions, Raleigh seconds, minutes approved 5:05pm

Community Addresses the Board

Nedra Wilson - newly hired business manager, working with Linda Arnold - glad to be part of the charter school, really want to see KCA continue to succeed, feels good working with Katie, KCA has a good team

Architect group, Ferguson/ Pyatt - joined us online to review the plan, projected to build where the softball fields are currently, DHM doing recreational master plan, Buffalo Design/ MIG documents coming together- focus group to align the different floor plan options, is a courtyard important to design around?

Concerns/ discussion - site location is too close to cemetery, education quadrant preferred by council, unstable ground near the senior center; no flat roof, causes issues; circular

spaces wherever possible; meet with USDA and MIG folks to get parameters aligned
Design working group - staff, parents, board members - in September

Council Report -

Board Reports -

Literacy project status - Richard Fulton and Katie McCullaugh - books to edit based on recent consultation (Juanita, Helen, Tina, Tawnie); Ute language is so different than English, really an in-depth process to go through each book; great recommendations came from this work; Adobe in Design experience needed, tribe has the site license, Ben offered to train community members; board to make an acknowledgement page and elder bios when they are included/ record elder-told stories; money to make resources for 4th/5th grades through grants available; Ute language (translated) children's books are possible through Language Conservancy grants, Tawnie made one for her class with Brown Bear Brown Bear; Gene B to work with us on this too (GREAT English language acquisition resource)

Tina - RE1/ CDE presentation on Indigenous Exceptionality last week, with Latitia Taylor and Tina King-Washington; absolutely brilliant, a place to grow from hopefully for supporting students in the future; Danny heard awesome feedback from RE1 staff

Alicia - State of Colorado Library folks toured KCA, grant for a library possible; a community library for all of Towaoc is the dream, but let's hold onto this contact and resource for books in our classrooms, we need a library-ish system either way; Birchbark Bookstore - indigenous book collection (thanks, Katie!)

Finance - June 2024 (july 23 to june 24) we did better last year than in previous years, a few grants were revised due to overspending, but are accounted for within our revised budgets; CCSP grant from 3 years ago (HVAC repairs) is our only pressing concern but we have Bloomberg money to cover it; unspent monies are related to salaries and federal funding sources

Principal Report -

61 students enrolled, 4 fewer than our expected/ budgeted numbers

Staffing - 2 new applications from Denver, Multiple applicants for the Culture teacher positions; Danny is in the 4th grade classroom right now - CSI to advertise for us too;

Mikey Mills is teaching 1st grade as a long term substitute, Leland Collins in there too as a para - GREAT JOB GUYS

Universal improvement plan still on hold - CMAS data isn't back yet to share out

EOP - emergency operations plan - ours is borrowed from another school and now needs revision to better meet our needs, Danny working with Jerry (fire dept) and whomever else to align with Towaoc EOP - working with Dyllon Mills about home safety too

Financial policy needs a vote -

Action item - vote on KCA financial policy revisions - Alicia motions, Tawnie seconds, KCA financial policy approved at 7:17pm

Adjourn - 7:25pm by Tina King-Washington