

Kyrene De La Sierra General Meeting Minutes

9 November 2018

Attendees:

Lisa Connor
Stephanie Nuttall
Tracey Hutton
Mary Jacobs
Niccoli Anderson
Chris Greno
Heather Ruane
Karly Greno
Jaime Imrie
Daniel Der
Kim Graber
Alison Pinkston
Monica Gellman
Breanne Yamada
Tami Myers
Susan Boyd
Johanna Segura

Apologies:

Katie Ball
Tara Bellino

The meeting was called to order at 6:03

Stephanie Nuttall welcomed Dr Vesely, parents and staff to the general meeting thanked everyone for their attendance.

Treasurers report and Budget Approval

Stephanie provided the parents with an overview of the budget worksheet in Katie's absence. Monica Gellman made a motion to approve the budget and this motion was seconded by Niccoli Anderson. Stephanie encouraged families to attend the upcoming restaurant night at Zzeeks Pizza and announced that teachers would be serving the pizza. Specific information will be made available on social media. Stephanie urged parents to sign up to assist with both the Book Fair and Turkey Trot events.

Superintendent's Address:

Dr Vesely began by introducing those present to the 2 new Kyrene board members, Margaret Pratt and Kevin Walsh. She went on to explain the Kyrene Values Teachers initiative that celebrates the top teachers and students in the District each quarter. Teachers and students are honored for their remarkable individual and classroom efforts. The new program is in recognition of the critical role that teachers and school personnel play in student achievement and the vital influence they have on the future of the community. Local businesses have partnered with Kyrene School District to sponsor the program, including Bashas grocery stores, corporate real estate benefits director for HomeBenefitIQ, John Kloc and Dale Fedewa of Urban Air Adventure Park.

The Department of Justice just gave the district \$230,000. Most of that money is already earmarked to teach kids how to deal with their own hardships, as well as how to look for suicide warning signs in their peers. It's part of a larger \$70 million promise from the DOJ to support school safety nationwide. Without the grant, this roll out would have taken three years or more. With it, all of Kyrene's students will be receiving the social emotional learning classes by 2020.

Dr Vesely went on to talk about Results Based Funding and congratulated Kyrene schools that met the criteria for recognition with average passing percentages of at least 67.5% for 2017 AZ MERIT results. Altedena, Estrella, Sierra, Brisas, Cerritos, Lagos, Cielo and Monte Vista have been identified for this award for two years in a row. Kyrene Traditional Academy and Mirada schools are being recognized for the first time.

Dr Vesely spoke about the District Strategic goals:

- * High performing students
- * High quality teachers, administration and support professionals
- * Inclusive culture
- * Responsive organization
- * Collective governance

Parents were provided with a budget summary that Dr Vesely went through. This information is available on the Kyrene District's website.

She went on to provide more details with regards to the Accelerated Math program and provided a visual representation of what 4th through 9th grade year Math pathway looks like for all students.

Dr Vesely ended her presentation by giving those present further input with regards to the bell schedule survey from the district that was sent out to parents.

Option A: (\$900 000 in savings)

Sierra and Altedena start times would be 7:30 am and 7:45 am and dismissal times 2:20 and 2:45 respectively

Option B: (\$1,200,000 in savings)

Sierra and Altedena start times would be 8:45 am and 9:15 am and dismissal times 3:35 pm and 4:15 pm respectively.

Dr Vesely provided an opportunity for Q and A and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

