



Parent Superintendent Advisory Committee

October 12, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kings Beach Elementary School, Parent Lounge

Meeting Minutes

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Meeting Attendees:
 - TTUSD Representatives: Superintendent Kerstin Kramer, Amber Burke
 - Parent Representatives: Lisa Smith (NTHS), Christine Ngai Ryan (KBE), Megan Evans (THS), Annie MacFadyen (DTE & ACMS)
 - Student Representatives: Gavin Cole (THS), Payton Bell (THS), Pearl Bentley (NTHS), Mischel Suarez Hernandez (NTHS)
- District Updates - Superintendent Kerstin Kramer
 - October is National Principal's Month, so Superintendent Kramer recognized our incredible TTUSD principals
 - Superintendent Kramer let the committee know that she had discussions with principals from the middle and high schools in relation to a discussion on vaping that took place at the October meeting. Another Placer County district is testing the bathroom monitors, so we're keeping an eye on their results. Principals are aware of the situation, and some of the strategies they've been implementing were discussed.
 - Discussion/Input/Questions
 - Student Idea: Create a safe surrender program with wellness coaching
 - Like the approach of focusing on education
 - Teach refusal skills to 5th-grade and middle-school students
 - It's an addiction, and it's hard for students to stop
 - Student Input: Don't feel like keeping the bathroom doors open is helping, and it's creating an uncomfortable environment for those using the restrooms
 - Vaping has been normalized
 - Review of some Strategic Plan updates
 - 1.1.1 Math Pilot
 - DELAC Committee asked for the survey to be extended, so moved the close date
 - At the time of this presentation, 41% of respondents wanted to continue with the pilot before deciding to adopt the curriculum. However, the survey is still open so these results are fluid.

- Feedback and questions from the committee:
 - Math success feels dependent on the teacher, their teaching methods, and how students learn
 - Would like a curriculum that utilizes multiple explanations of how to get to the answer
 - Is there an online parent component?
 - How can the district support after-school tutoring and support in math?
 - Discussed work time being offered at the B&G Club as part of the ELOP program.
 - Can TTUSD train club employees on math so they can better support student questions?
 - Encouraged parents to talk to site councils to explore school-site specific needs and programs.
- 2.3.2 Implement Collective Action of Labor & Management (CALM) Committee
 - A Staff Morale and Well Being Survey is going out to all TTUSD employees the first week of November. It is being conducted by Hanover Research to ensure a sound and anonymous survey. CALM will receive the results accompanied by recommendations in January.
 - At the November CALM meeting, members will receive morale training from a consultant
- Facilities Master Plan Survey Update - Superintendent Kerstin Kramer & Amber Burke
 - Reviewed the initial [results of the Facilities Master Plan Community Survey](#)
 - Reviewed the highest-rated thought topics:
 - Control Drug Use in Bathrooms
 - Career & Technical Education (CTE)
 - CTE Specific Classrooms
 - Expanded Offerings
 - Athletic Infrastructure
 - Upgraded stadium that works for all outdoor sports
 - Expanding & improving sports facilities
 - Turf fields
 - Indoor field and gym space
 - ADA compliant
 - Safety
 - Improving school security
 - Increasing roof snow load capacities
 - Upgrades to HVAC systems
 - Classrooms
 - Permanent facilities to replace portables
 - Space to limit class size
 - Improved Outdoor Spaces for Students

- Social areas, playgrounds, etc.
 - Teacher Supports
 - Increased wages
 - Housing
 - Childcare
 - Technology and Internet Upgrades
 - Later Start Times
- Feedback Received
 - Need more turf fields; the closest fields are in Reno, especially for spring athletes.
- Family & Community Engagement Brainstorming - Amber Burke
 - This agenda item was pushed to the December meeting to allow ample discussion time.
- Committee Member Roundtable - School Updates
 - THS: The College & Job Fair went well. One of the student reps got a local job through the fair. Both juniors and seniors from THS and NTHS were in attendance. The students felt they gained a lot of insight and information from the event. Breaking Down the Walls program was a huge success. Students had a little trepidation going into the exercise but were really happy afterward. Shouldn't be an optional experience. They felt it was really useful and recommended it to other students. It was also mentioned that the CTE Welding teaching left abruptly and that it was an impactful loss. Had a discussion on how trades people in the region could get CTE certified and the barriers that come along with that.
 - NTHS: Homecoming is this weekend. PTO spirit sponsorship just ended and went really well. Discussed concerns with mental health and the supports available to students.
 - Students have a lot to deal with - school, family, friends, etc.
 - Idea: Can we explore a parent referral for students to visit the wellness centers?
 - Interested in support systems for students who aren't considered to have extreme issues but could use someone to talk to and referrals to areas of support
 - Student Feedback: Feel like they need more targeted help
 - KBE: The Walk-a-Thon is taking place next Friday and has great business sponsors. The Fox Cultural Hall opened in KB in the old movie theater location. Indigenous Enterprise is coming to the theater. Also discussed the new in-house fingerprinting that the district will be rolling out. KBE would like to be a test site for the mobile fingerprinting.
 - DTE: Yuba River Day was great. The art installations were really cool to see. And they also did a defensible space day with SWEP and Cal Fire.
 - ACMS: Back to School Night was good. Then had a discussion on bullying. Feels like bullying is prevalent and what can we do to help remedy the situation. Feels like elementaries are safe and comfortable and then there is a big transition into middle school with bullying, vaping, etc. Kid's shouldn't have to accept these as normal. What can be done?
- Adjourned