**Kingston Parent Group Meeting May 17, 2018**  
**Harry L. Edson Elementary School**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzanne Jordan

**KCSD ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY PRESENT:** Dr. Padalino, Edson Principal Brian Martin, Meagan Ziegenfuss

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** JoAnn Uhl (JWB), Stephanie Nystrom (Edson), Melissa Swart (Miller), Julann Peters (Miller) Karen Seery (Miller), Wes Seery (Miller)

**DISCUSSION:**  
Stephanie Nystrom is involved with the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, who recently met with Dr. Padalino and his Principal’s group.

Dr. Padalino said the meeting was informative and they were given many resources. The Ulster Immigrant Defense Network worked with John Voerg and letters are being distributed.

Melissa Swart discussed updates about the Miller playground and bus safety.

Dr. Padalino had the technology department check all of the bus cameras. The cameras are operational but getting old. The goal for this year is to gradually rotate out the cameras in the worst condition and replace with new cameras. Dr. Padalino explained that the bus driver shortage contributes to many issues surrounding bus safety.

Dr. Padalino stressed that the KCSD Transportation Department works hard and does a great job.
Dr. Padalino and administration have identified issues and found a connection with grades and behavior with transitions. Dr. Padalino discussed a proposed 5th grade Academy to help students transition into Middle School, much like the existing Kindergarten Academy and 9th Grade Academy.

Dr. Padalino and Suzanne Jordan are in support of a student-led public service announcement/PR campaign about bus safety.

Julann Peters and Melissa Swart asked for an update regarding connecting with Tom Clapper and Reiss Insurance about the Miller playground and its location. Dr. Padalino will reach out again to Tom Clapper.

Meagan Ziegenfuss will send out a Kingston Parent Group e-mail list.

Julann Peters offered praise for Miller Principal Sheber and Vice Principal Reid. She feels it’s a more positive atmosphere and the moral is up with teachers, parents and students.

Regarding the future of the Kingston Parent Group, the group came to unanimous decision that meetings should continue to be held monthly in the 2018-2019 school year.

Kingston Parent Group representatives will provide suggestions for topics that are not only pertinent to their individual school but also to the district as a whole.

Dr. Padalino reiterated that the purpose of the Kingston Parent Group is to serve as a direct line of communication from the PTO/PTA’s to KCSD administration and vice-versa.

Dr. Padalino addressed KCSD’s response to the tornado warning and storm that occurred on 5/15/18. He stressed that when the school district has emergency situations, he does not take action without real thought and real concern. When students enter school buildings, the school is responsible for their safety. To ensure their safety, both students and parents must follow the school’s direction and emergency protocols.

Senior Walk 2018 will take place on June 18. Details are TBD and will be released on the website as soon as confirmed.