**Kingston Parent Group Meeting April 5, 2018**  
*Ernest C. Myer Elementary School*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Suzanne Jordan, Priscilla Lowe

**KCSD ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY PRESENT:** Dr. Padalino, Myer  
Principal Wanda Lobianco, Meagan Ziegenfuss

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shelley Burch (Myer) Wes Seery (Miller), Karen Seery (Miller), Melissa Swart (Miller) JoAnn Uhl (JWB) Stephanie Nystrom (Edson) Kristina Pavlov-Leiching (Graves) Heather Hirsch (Myer) Holly Miller (Myer)

**OPENING DISCUSSION:**

Dr. Padalino discussed the Parent/Family & Community Engagement Policy. Prior to going to committee, the policy is required to be "jointly developed" with parents/families. (Attached is BOE policy #1900 with recommended highlighted revisions for the review and approval of the policy committee.) Please review and share any suggestions at next month’s meeting.

Dr. Padalino gave a presentation about the upcoming May 15, 2018 KCSD Budget Vote. He discussed the five propositions that will be on the ballot: 1. 2018-2019 Budget, 2. Creation of a New Capital Reserve Fund, 3. Capital Project (Renovations at JFK, Edson and Miller), 4. Election of three members of the Board of Education, 5. Transfer of Ownership of Dietz Stadium to City of Kingston.
Suzanne Jordan discussed “Meet the Candidates Night”. As of 4/12/18, all of the candidates are incumbents. She asked the group if they felt there should still be a formal “Meet the Candidates Night” if this remained the case. The group agreed, even if the candidates are unopposed, the event is valuable to the community and should still occur.

The group agreed to host “Meet the Candidates Night” and collect questions from the audience. The event will take place on May 8, 2018 from 6:30-9:00 PM at the Wendell A. Scherer Theatre at Kingston High School. We will need at least 5 volunteers for the event. Meagan Ziegenfuss will send an email requesting volunteers.

JoAnn Uhl suggested there should be an online form available for community members to pose questions to candidates leading up to “Meet the Candidates Night.” When the event is announced on the KCSD website, a link to ask questions will be included.

Melissa Swart discussed recent topics of discussion amongst the Miller PTO. Miller parents are pleased with the way the school is incorporating PBIS and believe it has been effective with students. The PTO is waiting to hear back from Tom Clapper about a location for the new playground. Bus safety was also discussed. She is concerned that the bus company does not forward bus camera footage to the district in a timely matter and that the cameras need repairs.

Dr. Padalino explained he has been reviewing footage extensively. He reported that in the first quarter, there were approximately 96-99 bus referrals for Miller. In the second quarter, the number of referrals reduced by 25% and is projected to drop an additional 25% in the third quarter.

Dr. Padalino said he would speak to the technology department about bus camera maintenance and repair.

Suzanne Jordan proposed a discussion about frequency of meetings. One suggestion was that the group meets quarterly. Another suggestion was that each PTA/PTO could host a guest speaker at one of their school meetings, that would focus on common concerns/topics of interest/information sessions. Group members were encouraged to brainstorm ideas. A master calendar with meeting dates will be created for the 2018-2019 school year.