**Attendance**
Board Members: Priscilla Lowe
KCSD Administration and Faculty: Dr. Padalino, Kristin Shufeldt
Parents: Krissy Leichin (Graves), Alix Cutrone (JWB), Malia Cordel (Chambers), Joan Hess (Myer)

**Discussions**

DTSDE Survey-

DTSDE = Diagnostic Tool for School and District Effectiveness

Research based tool used by the district to measure the 6 major tenets:
1. District Leadership and Capacity
2. School Leader Practices and Decisions
3. Curriculum Development and Support
4. Teacher Practices and Decisions
5. Student Social and Emotional Developmental Health
6. Family and Community Engagement

Feedback and data are used to identify future school goals and update school improvement plans. For example, bullying was identified as a focus from the 2018 DTSDE survey.

Students (grades 3-12) and staff also take the survey. It is anonymous and the results get presented to the Board of Education.

Miller Middle School-

The PTO was approved to try for a $25K grant through Dannon and Project Fit America that would be used toward an outdoor fitness playground

Anyone in the community can vote for MCM from February 2-28, 2019.

J. Watson Bailey Middle School

JWB PTO is looking into purchasing and constructing a “Gaga Pit” – an octagon-shaped, wooden pit, approximately 25 feet in width, where about 35-40 students can fit within the walls to play games (ie. dodgeball)

They are considering the location of the pit to be near the basketball courts
This is a less expensive option than a full playground. They could have something built for about $3,000.

The PTO needs to give drawings to our insurance company.

Donations are always needed for these types of projects. Herzogs could be a good resource for wood with the Gaga Pit. The district will always try to help if possible.

JWB is also looking into sensory/interactive hallways.

Chambers Elementary-

Chambers would also like an upgrade to their outdoor play spaces. They are trying to find something at a low cost, like a hill to climb up/run around on – something fairly simple to attain. Will need clearance from the insurance company.

Per Dr. Padalino-

Dr. Padalino stated that KCSD is highly invested in the safety of our schools and takes safety and security very seriously. When the BB Gun incident happened at Miller, the decision was made to communicate to MCM only. There is a concern that KCSD is not taking safety seriously, but we are doing everything we can to be proactive, to increase security, act immediately, and communicate appropriately in times of emergency.

We strive to take care of any social and emotional needs of our students. Some students suffer from trauma and we have been trained on how to handle the different situations that may happen at school.

The Anonymous Tip Line appears to be working well and has enabled staff to stop a couple of incidents from happening. Security monitors the emails that come in from the Tip Line. Concerns seem to be coming in mostly from our middle schools.

If a student violates the KCSD Code of Conduct, procedures that follow are dependent upon the infraction by the student. A Superintendent hearing may be conducted: if 5 or more days of suspension, discipline will be determined by the Superintendent and Board of Education, if 5 or less days of suspension, discipline is determined by Principal(s). Under these types of circumstances, KCSD does ensure that everyone’s rights are respected, and any confidential information remains confidential.

The Standards of Learning are being updated. The new standards are not changing much. Science will be more “hands on” than in the past with more lessons encouraging STEM Nights, Hour of Code (Computer technology), and applied mathematical concepts.

Myer Elementary-

A parent visited Myer’s last PTO meeting. This parent came from a Waldorf School, a private, play-focused school, and asked about curriculum and the possibility of having more play-time focused
There are a number of state mandates and regulations that could limit this type of curriculum and would potentially lead to a school day extension.

Myer has veggie and fruit tastings at school, similar to Graves’ and JFK’s tastings through the Garden Time program.

Malia (Chambers) asked if we could have healthier snacks in cafeterias as she has noticed a lot of cookies, chips, ice cream, and the like. What are the cafeteria guidelines for snacks? Is there a district nutritionist?

- Ed Carelli is the Director of Food Services who can help with any cafeteria questions and requests. He is very well-versed and knowledgeable of state restrictions and requirements.
- There is not a KCSD nutritionist.

Next Meeting:

Will be held in the Myer Elementary Library on Thursday, February 28, from 5:30-6:30pm.