ATTENDANCE
Board Members: Priscilla Lowe
KCSD Administration and Faculty: Dr. Padalino, Kristin Shufeldt, Karen Seery
Parents: Alix Cutrone (JWB), Krissy Leiching (Graves), Shelley Burch (Myer), Malia Cordell (Chambers)
JoAnn Uhl (KHS), Madeline Hoetger (former KHS), Diana Kuster (MCM/KHS)

DISCUSSIONS

JWB Gaga Pit-
Approval for the pit was declined due to insurance company considering it a dangerous structure

*Dr. Padalino to follow-up with Deputy Superintendent on this

Meet the Candidates Night-
May 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the KHS Auditorium

Same night as Middle School Concerts. Some parents will not be able to attend to help with the evening event.

*Kristin will follow-up about scheduling a Bilingual Family Worker for translations

Parent Engagement-
Ideas:
- Capitalize on parent engagement during Back-to-School nights and other school building events when parents will already be there. Canned programs at Sports Saturdays and concerts, for instance.
- Offering child-care helps increase attendance (perhaps Honor Society students who need service hours would be a good resource)
- Try to hold a Parent Event during a child’s event, like a Sports Saturday

Suggestions from Ms. Cordell-
- Transportation is an issue for many parents and students at Chambers. Is carpooling an option?
- Mentioned hosting a clothing swap as Chambers held one in the winter for coats

Thoughts:
- Parents are feeling more unwelcome in schools nowadays due to the level of security at each property
- Elementary schools feel warm and welcoming, but when your student reaches middle school, the warm, welcoming feelings go away
- It’s difficult to transition from 4th to 5th grade and it’s harder for parents to reach teachers directly.
- Conference nights for 5th & 6th grade has been lost and could be revisited

Whole Language-based Learning-
A question from Mrs. Leiching: Is KCSD doing whole language-based learning?

KCSD does not subscribe to one reading strategy. Teachers decide what their students need to learn and are trained to teach different approaches. The Orton-Gillingham approach and phonetics are examples brought up during the meeting.

Next Meeting-
JFK Library on Thursday, May 30, 5:30-6:30pm