

## **KHS PTSO Questions / Answer section April 14, 2022**

**Q: Were 9th & 10th graders given recess after lunch prior to Covid? If so, will this be given again at some point? If not, can it be considered?**

A: We've never had recess time, might be possible by shortening lunch periods if we could do it without affecting other instruction time. We are looking into it.

**Q: Why is there a policy against hats (or hoods) in school?**

A: No hats or hoods inside the building is part of the official KCSD Dress Code which is being evaluated. Hats/hoods interfere with identification of students, also for etiquette reasons-we don't wear hats inside. There have been no consequences thus far for hats but after Spring Break the Dress Code will be reiterated and there will be detentions.

**Q: Cyberbullying is on the rise at KHS and what can we do to intervene?**

A: We have in-person cohort meetings, SROs do presentations in classrooms to discuss cyberbullying. We will also have cohort assemblies on the subject.

An example of action in response to a recent incident of fighting-any recording of a fight now will go to a Superintendent hearing (which can result in a suspension of more than 5 days. The Principal can suspend a student for up to 5 days.) Recording the fight is a more serious offense than the actual fight. That particular situation is one hundred percent better than 2 months ago.

We have many cameras in the school that are fully functional. Restorative practices are in play, ways to shorten suspensions, i.e., working with our Community partners like the Family of Woodstock.

We are also working on getting Vaping Detectors.

**Q: As a teacher at KHS, student phone use during class time is out of control. More needs to be done because teachers are struggling to correct this constant behavior. How can parents, teachers, and administration (and Students too!) better work together on this issue?**

A: Per the BOE and KHS policy cellphones are not allowed except in the Hall or at Lunch and one ear must be uncovered/no headphone or earbud. Photographs and videotaping are forbidden. In the past when phones were seen they were confiscated. Looking to the future we would like agreement of no phones in the buildings.

**Q: Now that Covid restrictions have eased, will there be dances again? Can we plan for a homecoming dance this fall?**

A: Prom is happening this year at the Chateau. In the future perhaps other dances can occur. Class advisors and kids decide about the Jr./Sr. Prom only.