

Parent Advisory Council

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Brian Murphy, Tony Johannes, Laura Madson, Mike Lepisto, Karen Lepisto, Tammy Scharenbroch, Mary Binversie, Tiffany Rafill-Pagel

Facilities: Dr. Blankenheim introduced Ben Hill, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Pat Geigel, Activities Director. They provided an update on the pool, completed facilities projects and co-curricular areas.

Mr. Hill explained that the Board reserved \$140,000 from referendum monies for pool repairs. The following repairs will be completed in March 2016:

- ❖ Filter replacement
- ❖ Variable speed pump
- ❖ Pool deck gutter repair
- ❖ Removal of pool observation window

The pool will be closed from March 7-25, 2016 for these repairs. Structural engineers have toured the pool facilities and reported that the pool is structurally sound and has exceeded its life expectancy. These repairs do not address the lack of an observation deck and crowding issues during meets. Even though survey results prior to the referendum provided conflicting information, the Board proceeded with the referendum questions based upon those results. Dr. Blankenheim explained the many variables surrounding the referendum such as: the closing of Meeme School, 8 lanes, observation deck, too many questions, concerns about the therapy pool, operational question, etc. One parent shared that there is a perception that the community is not fully educated on what really happens in the pool.

Mr. Hill reviewed upgrades that were recently completed at each building.

Zielanis

- ❖ Purchased a stand on floor scrubber
- ❖ Replaced tile and carpeting
- ❖ Library upgrades
- ❖ Installed fencing around generator and stairwell

Middle School

- ❖ Elevator upgrades
- ❖ Addressed water issues in basement
- ❖ Tuckpointing

High School

- ❖ Elevator upgrades

- ❖ Addressed sound issues in Ag wing
- ❖ Upgraded football bleachers with guard/hand rails
- ❖ Improvements to maintenance shed
 - roof replaced
 - insulated/drywalled/heated

Maintenance

- ❖ Purchased new lawnmower (also used with broom for snow removal)
- ❖ Ride on game striper
- ❖ Purchased golf cart

Mr. Hill referenced the 5 year plan which includes items such as: roofs, tuckpointing, parking lots, heating systems, etc. He explained that the buildings are in good shape for their age.

What about air conditioning in the theater.....this is being looked into What is air conditioned at Zielanis.....office and computer labs. Any thoughts in regards to concessions and bathrooms for the outside facilities? Mr. Geigel reviewed the previous referendum attempt in 2008/09 which included upgrades to the outdoor facilities. He was approached in 2011 by parents regarding the football field, bleachers, concessions, etc. He developed a committee who began investigating options and determined a cost of \$2.4 to \$3.2 million for these upgrades. A grant was written to Acuity, but Acuity prefers to sponsor indoor projects. He did approach the School Board who was supportive, but did not have additional funds available to help support.

Mr. Geigel shared the addition of dugouts for softball/baseball which were possible due to mostly donations. Due to the condition of our track, Kiel does not currently host track meets.

Mr. Geigel has organized a Booster Club that meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. for anyone who is interested. He also noted that the football and basketball programs are well supported by the Kiel Football Alumni Association (KFAA) and Kiel Area Basketball Association (KABA).

Mrs. Lepisto shared that Sargento will be hiring 800 people and companies are interested in getting families to invest within the community. She shared that families do a drive by to check out the facilities of school districts and we need to be proactive in maintaining our outdoor facilities (ie. track, football) in order to get families to invest in Kiel.

Dr. Blankenheim encouraged the committee to set priorities and share specifics with the Board in regards to the outdoor facilities.

Other

Dr. Blankenheim shared the proposed 2016-17 calendar seeking input on the non-work day scheduled for December 23rd with the last day scheduled for June 2nd if no snow make-up days. The consensus of the committee was to support the December 23rd non-work day, but will suggest to the Board moving the June 5th snow make-up day to Thursday, April 13th (spring break). This would alleviate having to return on a Monday should we have snow make-up days. The conference days noted on the calendar are for the elementary and middle school. The high school will schedule one conference day per quarter.

A question was asked about early dismissal on Wednesday and Dr. Blankenheim explained that those days are used for professional development giving staff an opportunity to meet with team members to review student data and assessments and share curriculum. If we do not have the early release days the District would need to take teachers out of the classroom to provide them time to do this work and the preference is to have teachers in front of students.

Dr. Blankenheim updated the committee on the Safety Plan and recent board discussion about weapons in schools (staff being armed). Chief Funkhouser presented on reasons staff should not be armed. The administrative team continues to review the crisis plan and other safety programs. Dr. Blankenheim suggested having Chief Funkhouser come in to a future meeting and talk about Safety. Another possible agenda item would be to play a School Finance Game providing members with a better understanding of school finances.

School board elections will be held in April. Members Dietrich and Joas terms are up. These are 3-year terms. If anyone is interested in running, please contact Sheila Lefebber at sklefeber@kiel.k12.wi.us or 894-5112. Candidacy papers are due at 5:00 p.m., on January 5.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m., in the high school library. Agenda topic will be Public Perception.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.