

Kirtland BOE Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

Student Learning & Achievement (SLA) 4/14/2020

14 April 2020 / START TIME: 8:34 AM/ END TIME 9:46 AM / Virtual mtg on Zoom (OH-school closure, March 16 through May 1, 2020 due to COVID-19)

ATTENDEES (Attended virtually via computer camera &/or mic on Zoom meeting platform)

Scott Amstutz, Tim Cosgrove, Shannon Green (notes), David Leone, Becky Malinas, Kathryn Talty, Chad VanArnhem, Bill Wade, Jonathan Withrow

AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes Approval for February. March SLA meeting cancelled (Statewide school closure COVID-19). February MM Approved: 1.)TC 2.)SG
2. Online Learning Update
3. Graduation Requirements
4. Future Considerations
5. Public Comments and Questions
6. Adjourn

[Online Learning Update](#)

On March 12, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, issued a state mandated school closure for all Ohio schools because of COVID-19 (Coronavirus Pandemic). The closure mandate was to begin on March 16, 2020 through April 3rd and has since been extended through May 1, 2020. It was suggested that during this time schools work to provide education through alternative means, Kirtland is doing this online. Kirtland teachers were able to meet and form a skeleton plan of how online learning would take place. The administration/teachers collaborated to make and distribute the [Kirtland Local Schools Online Learning Planning Document](#), this plan was distributed to Teachers/Staff. There has been talk of the closure being extended throughout the end of the academic school year, yet no announcement has been made to that effect as of April 14, 2020. Kirtland Local Schools had a pre-planned Spring Break, March 16-20th and started on-line classes as of Wednesday, March 25, 2020. Students in grades 6-12th already have laptops, any student that needed a laptop in grades K-5 were provided with them (parents/guardians filled out a form). Students/parents were given an online schedule to follow. Those students in lower grades K-1 are expected to spend 20 minutes per subject; grades 2-3 should spend 30 min. per subject and grades 4-5 approximately 30-45 minutes per subject . The

schedule for most days is 8am-noon, office hours 1-3pm (KMS/KHS follow BLUE/GOLD block days). Secondary S's workload is ranging from 3-4 hours per class/week. KMS-KHS Principal Scott Amstutz mentioned that studies are finding that most secondary S's work late with the highest rated work time being 10pm-midnight. Online learning is flexible in that one could work almost any time of day. Attendance is taken online and also teachers look to see that S's are "participating" in lessons. Our online attendance for all schools is at 98-99%. Director of Pupil Services Becky Malinas stated those S's on IEP/504 and in self-contained classrooms are doing well. The Intervention Specialist's have built individual checklists and schedules for each student to follow.

Results of online Kirtland Parent Survey regarding how online learning is going. Kirtland had 102 parents respond. **Scoring:** 0 being the lowest, 5 being the highest.

- ★ Please rate our efforts to maintain student learning during this time : 4.65
- ★ Please rate the communication from our District during this time (e.g. timeliness, substance): 4.78
- ★ Please rate communications from our school buildings during this time (e.g. timeliness, substance: 4.79
- ★ Please rate our District technical resources (e.g. availability, functionality and support) during this time): 4.76
- ★ Please rate our efforts to promote social connections between school and families during this time: 4.55
- ★ Please rate our efforts to provide social-emotional support for children and families during this time: 4.41
- ★ Please rate our efforts to maintain Special Education Services during this time. (Please skip if this is not applicable to you. 4.42
- ★ Please rate the continuation of our food service program during this time. (Please skip if this is not applicable to you.) 4.92

The Teachers also took a survey, they felt the transition to online learning has been 3.775 average (5 highest). When asked about the direction and support from the administration, they rated it at a 4.8 (5 being highest).

Graduation Requirements

Under the passage of House Bill 197 the Superintendent was granted the authority to approve graduation for S's already on track to graduate in 2020. Scott Amstutz stated that all students look to be on track and have met the requirements (w/ exception of one S).

Future Considerations

Discussion of what school will look like once open again. Talk of how things might change in the future. Decided to focus on what we have information on at the current moment and will make other plans as we find out more information.

- Cleaning: will focus on alternating each evening with cleaners & pay special attention to sanitization of weight room, PE equipment, heavily trafficked areas
- Will add “no touch” Purell (hand sanitizer) stations to every classroom and at building entrances
- Will we discourage shaking hands in future?
- KMS trips have been cancelled. Discussing future considerations such as possibly giving next year's 7th graders the choice at the beginning of the year as to whether they would like a camp experience (since missed 6th grade camp) or 7th grade Chicago trip.
- Graduation has alternative dates (if school is cancelled through June). The alternative date for Prom is Thursday, July 9th. The alternative date for Graduation will be Sunday, July 12th at the Mentor School Fine Arts Center.
- SG: Can we look into providing some sort of online aides to S's, not necessarily more schooling in the summer but access to resources for the S's during the summer months, especially if school is cancelled through June? To help prevent “summer slide”
- Scott Amstutz suggested some front loading of subjects at the beginning of the school year. In the first couple of days the plan is to add more content and provide better access to content & provide more efficiency for S's.

Public Comments and Questions

The Kirtland SLA committee THANKED Bill Wade, Scott Amstutz, David Leone, Chad VanArnhem, Becky Malinas & Matt Paul for their leadership & guidance during these unprecedented times! We are also very impressed with Kirtland Teachers and Staff with the amazing job they have done in such a short amount of time to get our students online. Thank you all for your hard work and perseverance!

Next SLA meeting scheduled for 8:30am on May 12th, 2020.

S=Student