

# SLA Meeting May 7, 2018

Kirtland Board of Education

Student Learning and Achievement Committee

Meeting start time: 8:02 am. End time: 9:41am

Attendees: Bill Wade, Dr. Lynn Campbell, Scott Amstutz, Chad VanArnhem, Tim Cosgrove & Kathryn Talty.

Notes: Shannon Green

## AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Meeting minutes approval for April. Tim Cosgrove & seconded Kathryn Talty.
2. School of Innovation visit
3. Grant Writing
4. District Wellness Committee Update
5. Strategic Plan Update
6. Public Comments and Questions
7. Adjourn

**W-E School Of Innovation**, on April 26, 2018, Kathryn and Shannon, went on a tour of the W-E SOI. Kathryn spoke about what was learned as to how they operate a unique STEM school. School leaders at the SOI shared how their STEM school came to fruition and also explained how they financed the project. We toured the modern facilities & learned of the advanced technology used in the building (3-D printers, laser printers, etc.).

**Grant Writing:** Brief discussion as to how we can enable more grant writing in the district. We currently do not have an active staff member that seeks out grants for district. We discussed looking into such a role for someone in the future.

**District Wellness Committee Update:** Chad VanArnhem discussed the District Wellness Committee. It is a committee made of students, admin, nurses, teachers and community members that encourage all to eat healthy and be active. New policies for this committee were sent out last Friday, May 4th. In accordance with new guidelines, NO food is allowed into classrooms from outside for birthdays or other celebrations. In KES the committee works in line with the PTA to provide any food for events at the school (Heart Healthy day & upcoming

End of Year class picnics). The PTA works with food services to provide food that is in line with wellness committee guidelines. This is all directed by the Healthy Schools program. Each month the Wellness Committee puts out a challenge, the challenge in May is to focus on obtaining at least 1 hour of physical aerobic exercise a day. For every 15 minutes of physical activity that raises ones heart rate, a person marks one point on the May calendar (sent out at beginning of month by CVA). The goal is try to obtain 4 points a day and winner gets a prize (\$20 gift card).

There is a staff workout room in KES room consists of: treadmills, rowing machine, stair master and cross fit materials. KHS teacher Mr. Joseph helps with workouts. KHS teacher, Jen Berry, teaches and leads the Kirtland YOGA club.

This year food service has expanded to serve breakfast, that has been a big hit. Making sure students are full in the morning helps them to be able to concentrate better.

**Strategic Plan Update:** May 18th will be 1st Step in Strategic Plan Action Plan. A DRAFT of the Strategic Plan was handed out. The SP **Vision:** By 2023, Kirtland Local Schools will provide education for all students. Our **mission:** We educate students to become empowered citizens. Our **Goals:** By August 2020, we will implement plan to engage and empower students, staff, parents and community. By August 2020, we will implement a personalized PATHWAY system for all students (with a focus on innovation, life skills and career and college prep). BW spoke of PATHWAYS. Pathways with students give them a reason as to why we are teaching them to read, write, learn math, etc. Pathways introduce them to possible careers and highlight why we teach them these subjects. I.e. Accountants=math. Idea to create Advisory Board at each level (ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HS). Idea to have student representatives at all levels/meetings. [Project Lead the Way at MS works on problem solving skills.] Question was asked: Who will lead the initiative?

**Dr. Lynn Campbell Grad Profile of Kirtland High School students:** Producer (engages actively & positively in a timely manner); Creative Thinker (seeks ways to innovate & adapts to situations); Collaborator (respects others input, suggestions & constructive criticism); Critical Thinker (reflects on behaviors and thinking, asks questions); Problem Solver (demonstrates perseverance in problem solving) & Communicator (writes and speaks effectively).

#### **Public Comments/ Questions:**

\* Kathryn Talty asked if we could bring Science Fair's back? It was noted that is would be looked into.

\*Idea of community group for students to be formed or melded into another avenue such as the Strategic Plan. Idea being we can mentor & teach students about the community (possibly have them attend different meetings of community groups: Kiwanis, BOE, PTA, City Council, etc) and ask them how they would address solving certain problems/issues that come up.

\*Looking to move meetings to the Nest for next school year.