

SLA Meeting September 11, 2018

Kirtland Board of Education/ SLA

Meeting start time: 8:04 a.m.

End time: 9:20 a.m.

Attendees: Shannon Green, Kathryn Talty, Scott Amstutz, David Leone, Chad VanArnhem, Bill Wade

Notes: Shannon Green

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Meeting Minutes Approval August. Approved Kathryn Talty, 2nd Shannon Green
2. Hidden in Plain Sight
3. Opening Day Professional Development: Performance Based Assessments (Wade/Amstutz)
4. Quality Profile (Wade)
5. Public Comments and Questions
6. Adjourn

Hidden in Plain Sight

Presentation for parents/caregivers (adults only) covers topics of: substance abuse, violences, eating disorders, juvenile crime, technology, risky games/ challenges and more. Traveling exhibit put on by Bath and Copley Township Police Departments. Kirtland will host this program starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16,2018 in Hornet Hall. From 6-6:30 parents are encouraged to start by walking through the exhibit, they will showcase many of the “hidden” dangers lurking in an average teens bedroom. The police officers then explain each of these dangers and various other “issues” teens these days are dealing with.

Opening Day Professional Development

Opening day professional development for teachers & staff occurred on August 20, 2018 at the Paradigm building in Mentor.

Some points made about assessments: make sure all assessments are not the ONLY focus; not the end all be all; hope to shift assessments to be more of a collaboration; looking at future assessment models.

Performance Assessments: Asks students to think and produce.

- * Target skills and knowledge that matter, preparing for performance assessment improves skills and knowledge that matter.
- * Curriculum instruction and assessment are all tied together
- * Learning is by doing

PBA's (Project Based Assessment)

4 types: 1. Constructed response 2. Stand-alone task 3. Curriculum embedded 4. Complex project

Teachers did a PBA where the task was to design a playground. It was scored with a rubric. All kinds of creative and innovative playgrounds were imagined.

Quality Profile

Copy of Quality Profile handed out, please see copy of Quality Profile on kirtlandschools.org website. The quality profile encapsulates all that happened last year within the district. The final draft was to be approved September 11, 2018 and the final copy was to be sent out the week of September 17th.

Questions

- * **Kathryn Talty:** *When is cursive writing taught at Kirtland? Can it continue through middle and high school?* **Chad VanArnhem:** *It is taught in second grade at KES.* **Bill Wade:** *for the older students it would be tough to fit in because there are so many other things they need to fit in at that level.*

- * **Kathryn Talty:** *What is the status on using “Simple Solution” books for supplemental purposes?* **BW:** *After examining SS books we feel PBA (Project Based Assessments) are a better way to go. Especially with the cost of books and other books & compressive tools we already use are a better fit. Some tools being used: Zern math, I Ready, Edulastic, News ELA, Happy Numbers Freckle and Brain Pop. We also have many on-line apps that are currently being used that are covering the students needs.*

- * **Kathryn Talty:** *Whatever happened to Science Fairs?* **BW:** *Looking into getting them instituted.* **Scott Amstutz:** *Talked to Mr. Moran (8th) and Mr. Ragle (7th) about possibly having one at end of April and/or in May. Might not have a “science fair” but do something science based using PBA.* **Chad VanArnhem:** *4th grade has a Science Fair. 5th grade has Invention Convention and Rube Goldberg projects.*

- * **Kathryn Talty:** *What is going on with grants?* **Bill Wade:** *Reached out to Nadine Grimm and she was a bit discouraging as she said since Kirtland has a small population and a low # of students on special reduced lunch we most likely would not qualify for many grants. BW was also introduced to the heads of some foundations in the hopes that we could develop future relationships with them as far as grants and/or programs and academic opportunities. Also looking into piggybacking with others school such as Perry to possibly apply for more grants that way.*

- * **Shannon Green:** *Asking on behalf of another parent, do “CLUBS” such as Lego or Robotics have to pay \$90 pay to play fee?* **BW:** *No, those fees were included in the \$25.00 “activity fee” required for all parents of MS and HS to pay.*