

Kirtland Local School Board

Student Learning Achievement

May 20, 2021

Meeting began at 8:08 am in Hornet Hall.

Present: Mr. Chad VanArnhem, Ms. Shannon Green, Ms. Kathryn Talty, Mrs. Mary LaVerde, Mr. Jonathan Withrow via phone.

Minutes approved for April's meeting.

Mrs. LaVerde discussed the end-of-year programs for the Juniors and Seniors. Service day in June with sites set-up the Golden Living Center, Holden Arboretum, Old South Church's Food Pantry to name a few.

Thrively demonstration by Mrs. Mary LaVerde. This software program helps the students, staff, and family identify the student's strengths, interests, and aspirations. This strength-based program is a great avenue to research careers and information about them. It is a digital portfolio to track highlights of work, lessons, and social- emotional learning. Teachers can incorporate lessons and projects into this and get great data to help direct the students. With Thrively, students have a more creative platform to share their goals via PDF, videos, or pictures. Journals and interviews are built into their accounts to help build resumes. This is a great tool to use as the student enters higher academia and/or the work force.

Fifth Grade Invention Convention video taped with Mrs. Held introducing two students showing their inventions. The sock sleeve was the first invention demonstrated. The purpose is to prevent infill into your athletic shoe while performing sports activities. The second invention measures the exact distance to place your seeds when you are planting your garden. The Invention Convention stimulates creativity, innovation, problem-solving, collaboration, and developing marketing skills by creating a sales pitch. Students can move on to state, and national level, which has its' competition at the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan.

Fourth Grade Science Fair videotaped with Mrs. Karikas and two students demonstrating their experiments. One student, Ava, showed static electricity and the rearrangements of electrons using a balloon, sock and tissue paper. The other student, Jordan, showed the chemical reaction of the acid from a lemon combined with the base from baking soda to create a volcano.

COVID-19 School Protocols were discussed. Mr. C. VanArnhem looked at the CDC and the health department recommendations, which now recommends keeping the protocols in place for schools.

Graduation capacity has been lifted. Student may receive 10 tickets, which includes self and guests. Masks will be worn, seating capacity will be 2/3's full, and the graduation will be live streamed.

Start date is August 18th this year, which is comparable to other schools in the area. This is a response from the government requesting either longer school days or a longer school year with the learning loss. Our school day is already 7 hours long, which is an hour longer than some schools. The start date also works out better for the students to have their testing times before Winter Break.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.