

Kirtland BOE Virtual Meeting (ZOOM)

# Student Learning & Achievement (SLA) 5/12/2020

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12 May 2020 /START TIME: 8:32 AM/END TIME 9:51 AM/ Virtual mtg on Zoom  
(OH-school closure, March 16 through May 22, 2020 due to COVID-19)

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

Scott Amstutz, Tim Cosgrove, Tricia Ebner, Lew Galante, Shannon Green (notes), David Leone, Kathryn Talty, Chad VanArnhem, Bill Wade, Matt Whittaker, Jonathan Withrow

## AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes Approval for April. MM Approved: 1.)JW 2.)SG
2. Gifted Education Update
3. Adjusted 20-21 Calendar
4. Kindergarten Registration
5. Business Advisory Update
6. Champs Camp
7. Chromebooks K-8
8. Public Comments and Questions
9. Adjourn

## [Gifted Education Update--Tricia Ebner](#)

Gifted Update presentation given by Tricia Ebner (M.Ed., NBCT, Gifted Coordinator @ Kirtland). Definition of gifted: Student who exhibits performance at high levels (according to Ohio revised law) or potential for performance @ high levels when compared to peers of similar age/experience. The goal of gifted education is to support & encourage the continued development of the whole child, including areas of strong ability and talent. Currently about **330 students** identified as gifted in Kirtland (grades K-12). S's in Kirtland gifted program identified in: Reading, Math, Superior Cognitive, THinking Ability, Science, SS, Creative Thinking Ability. We were able to get the whole grade screening done before school closure for Covid-19. We weren't able to finish creative screening tests in school but did finish it online. All screening done for this school year.

Areas of Identification (In State of Ohio):

- Superior Cognitive Thinking Ability

- Specific Academic (Math, Science, Reading/Writing, Social Studies)
- Creative Thinking Ability
- Visual & Performing Arts Ability

#### KES: Gifted Services

- Cluster grouping
- Some subject acceleration (primarily math)
- Teachers - HQPD in gifted ed & ongoing support

#### KMS & KHS: Gifted Services

- Honors & AP Classes
- Subject acceleration (primarily math)
- Cluster grouping
- CCP
- Teachers - HQPD in gifted

#### Gifted Ed & Support Services Includes...

- WEPs (Written Education Plans) and WAPs (Written Acceleration Plans)
- Acceleration processes
- Providing professional development
- Required reporting to ODE

#### \*Notes from Tricia Ebner Gifted Education Update

Tricia Ebner's suggestions for Gifted S's and all S's this summer is to have kids READ. Also, to have kids explore things they are interested in, to delve more & dig into topics of interest. Try to include enrichment activities, they are giving teachers lists & resources to help.

## Adjusted 20-21 Calendar

The 2020 school year ended on May 22 (May 15th for Seniors), this provided the teachers with more time for professional development which is slated for the week of May 26th. This also provides time for Administrators to finalize plans. Because of the uncertainty of how school will look next year it has been suggested to consider revising the current 20-21 Calendar with a later start date and removal of some days off. The new Calendar suggested by Bill Wade has staff reporting September 1, 2 & 3 and students' first day starting September 8th. The September start allows teachers more time to prepare for blended learning & professional development. This provides for more work for on-line PD as well, in order to maximize S's learning potential especially if we are in a hybrid learning environment come fall.

Winter Break will be Dec. 21, 2020-Jan. 1, 2021, (KMS/KHS end of 2nd quarter Jan.26). Spring Break aligns with Easter Holiday and will now be March 29-April 2 (April 9th end of 3rd quarter KMS/KHS). There are three Professional Development/Teacher Work days off proposed for KES students: September 28, October 26 & December 4, 2020. The last day of school 2021 is proposed to be on Friday June 11, 2021 (June 4th for Seniors). Graduation for Seniors will most likely be Sunday, June 6th 2021. Question: When is State testing? Grade 3 AIR testing is in the fall, upperclassmen have to re-take some exams in fall. State testing is often during the majority of the month of April & part of May. Mr. Wade stated that we have to find other benchmarks for students since we are losing state tests we typically used (2020-due to Covid-19 closure).

At this point we are not sure what school will look like next year. School Administrators are exploring various options.

## **Kindergarten Registration**

Chad VanArnhem spoke about this year's Kindergarten registration process. Normally students are brought in during May for registration and assessment. This year they had to have Zoom meetings with parents and Kindergarten teachers in which the teachers did online walkthroughs. They were able to have one event where K parents came into school before Covid closure. This year Kindergarten registration was all online. Since a big part of Kindergarten is assessment, they are putting that off until the beginning of next school year. Next fall the K students will come in the first days with parents, they will do K readiness assessments at that time and then divide the classes. The first official days of Kindergarten will be half days September 15 & 16th, Sept. 17th will be all K students' first full day. As of right now we have 64 students registered for Kindergarten (three sections), if the number reaches 72 another section will most likely be added.

## **Business Advisory Update**

Scott Amstutz reported back from the Business Advisory Council, approximately 30-40 schools belong to the council which was started about three years ago. The Lake County Business Advisory Council works to bring together schools, businesses and the communities in Lake County. This work guarantees that the work of educators aligns with the needs of business. The owner of Edwin's Restaurant in Shaker Heights spoke at their last meeting (April 22) about reverse job fairs. The council recently sent out a survey to area teens in which they asked whether the Covid Pandemic has changed their future job choice, about 20% responded that they changed their job choice from what they thought they would go into because of Covid. Info Ohio great resource for students with college/career planning and job choices.

## **Champs Camp**

Kirtland is intending to run Champs camp this summer. Plan to run it four weeks beginning week of August 3rd through August 27th (Mondays-Thursday, from 9-11am). This year they are looking to make Champs Camp available for K-8th graders. There most likely will be a fee, unless students qualify under Title I services and/or qualify free reduced lunch.

## **Chromebooks K-8**

Kirtland's, John Renwick, is currently obtaining quotes for Chromebooks. We have the money in our budget to purchase new devices. Chromebooks do more, provide higher quality and are less maintenance. Once we get Chromebooks they will be distributed amongst 5th-8th graders first, the lower grade levels will get the Lenovos & we will keep some Lenovos to lend to HS students. We will look to sell any unused Lenovos and get a return.

## **Public Comments and Questions**

Kathryn Talty asked Chad VanArnhem how the One Book, One School initiative went. Chad said it went very well and they were able to get in most of the activities associated with the event, they were unable to have the Family Game Night slated for March 12th because of Covid concerns.

\*Next SLA meeting is scheduled for June 15th at 8:30am.

**Adjourn (to Executive Session 9:51am)**