

# Student Learning & Achievement (SLA) 1/13/2020

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13 January 2020 / Start time: 8:40 AM / End time: 9:50 AM / KHS Nest

## ATTENDEES

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

## AGENDA

1. Meeting Minutes Approval for December. Approved: 1.)KT 2.)SG
2. 2020 SLA Establish Chair & Meeting Dates
3. Kirtland Elementary Student Panel
4. Public Comments and Questions
5. Adjourn

### 2020 SLA Establish Chair & Meeting Dates

- Shannon Green was nominated and accepted position of SLA Chair for 2020.
- Established Meetings will be held at 8:30am @ KHS Nest: Jan. 13, 2020; Feb. 11; March 24; April 14; May 12; June 15; July-no mtg; Aug. 11; Sept. 8; Oct. 13; Nov. 17; December-no mtg

### Kirtland Elementary Student Panel

- The BOE asked Principal VanArnhem to assemble a panel of KES students that would be interested in answering ?'s Board members have about school. The panel consisted of six, 3rd through 5th graders.
- Questions:
  - *How do you like the addition of STEAM at KES?* **SB:** I really like that we are learning about engineering. **MK:** We learn about building things hands-on. **KD:** Same as MK, I enjoy learning and being hands-on. **JF:** I like that STEAM is serious in the first part of class and then we get to play games. **TL:** Mr. Lasecki

- (STEAM teacher) teaches all kind of things about coding & this will help our future. **KL:** Coding and play, like to play chess in class, also 4th graders are doing a play about STEAM called BOTS.
- ***If there is anything you could change about school what would it be?*** **SB:** Don't know? **MK:** I think there are two specials we should consider adding. 1: Genius Club: S's research topics of self interest and teach friends about them. 2: Independent Study: Ie. Study topics of interest to individuals like how to build 3-D robots and teacher doesn't help. **KD:** Should have PE/gym daily, or more than once a week. **JF:** Take away room next to STEAM "Zen Den." Turn MATH into a special and make projects like last year when learned about quadrilaterals. **TL:** Add more rug to school, when walk in hallways it is always wet. **KL:** Add more afterschool activities.
  - ***What is average computer use?*** Use iPads in ART & STEAM. **SB:** Use computers just the right amount or maybe too much? It is better learning on computers but eyesight could get worse so tone it down a little. **MK:** Use computers for just about every subject. **KD:** Use too much. **JF:** Teacher uses perfect amount, reading program, typing PAL (mostly 3rd and 4th). **TL:** Just right amount **KL:** Agree
  - ***If we could add more time to your day what would add time too?*** **KL:** Reading **TL:** Lunch **JF:** Lunch **KD:** Advisory and add help with homework. **MK:** Add a 2nd cashier to the lunch line especially on Friday when we have Domino's Pizza Day.
  - ***What are your favorite subjects?*** Four answered STEAM, two said P.E. and one answered STEAM, P.E. & Library.
  - ***Many of you have parents that teach or people that you know are teachers, if we could add something to our school that you have seen or heard of from another school, what would it be?*** **JF:** Perfect amount. **MK:** A MakerSpace. **KD:** Make a suggestion box for specials and also to say where they want to go for Field Trips.
  - ***What are you most proud of at KES?*** **MK:** Teachers really make learning fun! Have lots of friends and a good football team! **JF:** Specials teachers. **KD:** Teachers at Kirtland, Mr. Coxon.

- *What do you think makes Kirtland unique?* **SB:** The name Kirtland!  
**MK:** It's more than one school it is all schools connected. Extra curriculars, cool Field Trips & specials. **JF:** Teachers @ other schools don't do fun stuff, our mix it up. **Collective answer:** Our student council holds fundraisers, food drives and are always helping people in the community.
- **Last comment to wrap interview:** *For lunch we would like just plain burgers with nothing on them.* And there you have it...

## Public Comments and Questions

\***Kathryn Talty:** At next SLA meeting would like more info on Maker Space.

\***Tim Cosgrove:** At next SLA meeting would like an update on steps taken in regards to our test scores & all areas that need improvement. Would also like a Strategic Plan update & Academic Pillars.

\***Matt Whittaker:** Would like an update on the classes that have lower test scores ie. 4th grade (ELA, value added).

\***Kathryn:** Asked if Bill Wade or Chad VanArnhem felt with today's SLA student panel "will these discussions with kids change anything?" CVA: A lot of our T's are already doing personalized learning, we are always trying to work on lunch and trying to be more efficient. BW: Would like to explore the idea of having a "Genius Hour."

\* Kirtland BOE members were invited by KES Principal, Chad VanArnhem, to explore and see STEAM further by visiting a STEAM lesson in session on Feb. 3rd @ 8:45 AM.

*Next meeting February 11th 8:30 AM @ KHS Nest.*