

K.O. Knudson School Organizational Team



AGENDA

K.O. Knudson Academy of the Arts

School Organizational Team Meeting

K.O. Library Annex

Monday, August 28, 2023

4:00pm

School Organizational Team Members:

Karen Bauer

Rebecca Dirks Garcia

Tobi Ferguson

Kim Fujii

Jarvis Jones

Stacey O'Brien

Amy Symes

Robert Geyre, Substitute Principal

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School Organizational Team Members Present:

Karen Bauer, Rebecca Dirks Garcia, Tobi Ferguson, Kim Fujii, Stacey O'Brien, Amy Symes, Steven Gaskill (virtual), Robert Gerye (Substitute Principal), Anna Hurst (Region 2, School Associate Superintendent), Melissa Carrizzo (AP)

School Organizational Team Members absent:

Jarvis Jones

Welcome

Quorum was established and Mr. Gerye, Substitute Principal, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes approved without dissent.

Agenda Items

1. Introductions

- a. Ursela Garvin, is our newest Assistant Principal who is working at the SSC. We are currently fully staffed.
- b. Bob Geyre, was here to assist us during the early Spring of last school year. He returned as a Substitute AP to help us with the opening of the school but is now the Interim Principal after Ms. Koepp's transfer to LVA last week.
- c. Anna Hurst, Region 2, School Associate Superintendent was present to discuss the qualities we are looking for in hiring a new Principal.

2. Accolades

- a. Summer Acceleration 2023
- b. New Teachers
- c. Open House

General Discussion

1. Review 2023 – 2024 Act I: School Performance Plan
 - a. 2023 – 2024 School Budget

Mr. Gerye emphasized that he is here to keep the School Performance Plan and Budget the same as approved by Ms. Koepp before her transfer.

2. K.O. Focus 2023-24 - K.O. PRIDE

We have been seeing a significant positive change in the behavior of the students. There are still some students who need more guidance but overall, it is looking much better than last year.

3. Safety and Security

- a. New campus monitors - We have hired one CSM and are still looking to hire an additional one. Our aim is to have a total of 4 CSMs.
- b. Buzzer doorbell - To ensure safety, we are keeping the front gates closed but we have installed a new doorbell system. All visitors have to be buzzed in by a CSM before they can enter the premises.
- c. ID Badges - We are strictly implementing the IDs. Everyday that the students forget their IDs, they are asked to pay the \$5 fine to have one reprinted for them. Ms. Garcia however, is concerned that being a Title 1 school most students and parents may not be able to afford compiling fines. Which may further discourage students from going to school. Mr. Gerye said that this is one way of knowing who needs to be on campus. Also, each student was given 2 free copies of their IDs.
- d. SSA is up for vote this year . We will vote if we will retain it or not.
- e. E-hall pass - We will be using the e-hall pass instead of paper passes. This will help the teachers and admin keep track of when students leave and come back to their classrooms. It will be up and running real soon.

4. Schoolwide Expectations

- a. Exact Path 40 minutes a week through ELA and Math - Several ELA teachers have started using it. Ms. O'Brien said that it is amazing to see how the students can work on different skill levels which keep them busy since they are not doing the same thing as their seatmates. It is, however, not user-friendly for the teachers. The program needs to do more training for the teachers to help them better understand things like the grading system, etc...
- b. Achieve3000 in Social Studies - It seems like it is being used by all grade levels right now.
- c. Gear-Up Update - Mr. Gerye had a meeting with them today and they will continue to provide college-readiness programs and field trips for the students. Mr. Gerye also suggested inviting the unions members to help students set goals of how they see themselves in 5 years or so.
- d. Paper.com and Tutor.com -
- e. Enrollment/Staffing - We currently have 1180 students. About 420 are in 6th Grade. 7th and 8th grade have almost an equal number of 380.
- f. SOT elections - We will have the election around Sep 25 and will announce the new members on Sep 29.

5. Desirable Qualifications for Principal Candidates - Ms. Hurst discussed the hiring process for the new Principal. The team discussed the desired qualifications for the new Principal.

6. Suggestions for future agenda items

Information

1. Next Meeting: It is tentatively scheduled on the week of Sep 25.
2. Calendar of Upcoming Events: <https://www.knudsonms.org/>

Public Comment Period (2 minutes maximum allotted)

None

Adjourn

Meeting called to a close at 5:21 pm, without dissent.