



## KAIROS PUBLIC SCHOOLS VACAVILLE ACADEMY

2020-2021 School Year

129 Elm Street

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*KPSVA is committed to empowering a generation of learners to think critically, analyze and apply knowledge strategically, and utilize relevant tools to interact thoughtfully within a global community.*

### Kairos Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021

PAC MEETING VIA ZOOM

#### Meeting Start Time:

9:00 am

#### KPAC Board Members present:

President: Kelly Smith

Vice President: Jeff Fletcher

Treasurer: Teresa Salgado-Ellis

Secretary: Valerie Harshe

#### Administration present:

Executive Director: Jared Austin

### 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes

#### Secretary - Valerie Harshe

Valerie Harshe motions to approve meeting minutes from the December 9th meeting.

Jeff Fletcher seconds.

### 2. Calendar Review

January 18th there is no school for MLK day.

### 3. PAC Board Member Reports

#### President - Kelly Smith

A. Teacher Appreciation - TAC Chair Stephanie Coleman and PAC have been able to work together to make sure that through the fall the focus was on a feeling of appreciation of parents and the community. We did take-away items, wrapped holiday week of cheer with something every day, including an ugly sweater contest. Really fun and great feedback, thank you, Stephanie! We are brainstorming new ideas to continue this momentum.

B. Patriot Pals - We launched Patriot Pals in December and were able to get all 65 staff members covered. So appreciative of everyone who signed up, reminders will be emailed out monthly.

C. Dine-Outs - We have had really great turn outs for all of our dine-outs so far! Napolis was in November and Chipotle was in December, next week we are doing Healthy Life Shakes. Information will be going home with scholars this week. We are considering Hank and Hazels for February. If you have ideas of other local businesses that might be interested in hosting a dine-out please contact PAC. This is a really great way to generate funds.



D. Winter/Spring Events - Unfortunately, due to current circumstances we have been unable to hold our regularly scheduled programs this winter. Normally, in February we have a father/daughter dance and we were hoping to host our first mother/son event this year. We've also had to postpone our Gold Key Event. The next step is to take the temperature on a virtual event. PAC may also shift and do a spring jogathon. Kelly asked those attending the meeting if anyone had any thoughts on a virtual event:

- Brandi Chapman - Possible Drive-Thru pick up of food, donation/auction be the Live event
- Anthony Reed - 1 week to bid on items in an online forum
- Erin Reed - Drive-thru and online Things to support a feeling of community
- Stephanie Coleman - live auction, drive-up, and pre-recorded leader segments. Live via zoom might be too much.

PAC will speak with Jared. Also, looking towards the Read Across America event. This is normally a breakfast. Consider a grab and go breakfast.

#### **Treasurer's Report - Teresa Salgado-Ellis**

A. Treasurer's Report - We were able to do the entire holiday cheer week for less than \$350. We had incredible support from families from all of the cookies and treats donated. We renewed our liability insurance and Amazon Prime membership. We also had dine-out deposits of almost \$1,400. Napoli's is always so generous and we got \$900 from that dine out. We received 33% of Sales from Chipotle which totaled almost \$500. Great response! Next dine out is next Friday. We are sending flyers home. This is our main source of income right now! Please share! We also awarded a mini grant for the library. Current fiscal balance is \$21,604.99.

B. Teacher Mini Grant Update - We have only had two teachers use the entire \$250. We have had 4 Teachers use a partial amount. Jared will send out reminder email regarding the grants.

#### **4. Executive Director Updates** **Jared Austin**

A. Open Enrollment - We have had 416 applications in the first 13 days of open enrollment. KISP has received over 100 applications. Still have recruitments to do, we also will do direct Mailers and Geofencing. We are also making sure that we continue to have lots of efforts to diversify. Continuing to make sure that we have a strong plan to address diversity. VUSD has two Kairos parents applying to fill! One main campus and one KISP.

B. General Updates - Schools are ranked on a few different websites, one in particular that we are focusing on is google reviews. A few old posts from former, disgruntled students are pulling our rating down a bit. If you'd consider doing a positive google review, we would appreciate it. We have the spelling bee on 1/29/2021, the students will perform live with a parent watch party in one of the classrooms, as there is not enough room to social distance in the MPR.

C. COVID Update - We are open! Today marks the 4 month mark- we remain the only school open in the county. Governor tried to put out incentive for schools to open but there is conflicting information as to what that would require as well as the teacher's union. His plan also only addressed grades TK-2. Rapid testing is available at Kairos! For right now it is reserved for symptomatic staff and their families. Eventually, the plan is to offer it to students and families but the cost is so great to conduct the test that we have not expanded it yet. Part of the governor's plan would be to test every staff and student weekly- even those who are asymptomatic. We do not see the need for this, as many studies have shown there is no spread in asymptomatic



students, we also do not think many families at Kairos would agree to this. It is yet to be seen if this will be a recommendation or a requirement. The money that the governor would offer would be in a grant format. We would not take the grant. The cost of testing the entire school would be \$25,000 a week- the grant amount is \$250,000. Jared will be conducting a virtual tour with Senator Dodd later today. He wants to see our operations. Looking at models for reopening to combat the narrative. 90% of our students are currently attending on campus. Retrain and training scholars on protocols - things are going well! We are not currently admitting off of the wait list for those who are not in class for a few reasons: 1) stable cohorts have been established 2) teachers are maxed out, stressed out, and tired as it is. New students would be an additional burden 3) We are not looking to increase the class size. We have been able to admit students to KISP. Next week of the week after workshops will be starting back at KISP. As we are the only public school that is open, the county reached out with available funds if we could place an order and receive it by the 30th. We spent \$25,000 on plexiglass barriers. We upgraded TK-2 barriers. We also got barriers for KISP - being installed today or tomorrow. The current challenge is that grades 3+ have desks not tables. We are trying to come up with a barrier solution that are sturdy.

## 5. Open Comments

- A. Erin Reed - She'd like to work with PAC to see if we would be able to accommodate a virtual talent Show. Parents could send videos of scholars doing their acts and she could piece it together. We will look at the calendar and see when we could add an event in. Not necessarily a live Stream, just add the video to Kairos' youtube channel.

***Next Meeting: TBD***