

KFCS board members in attendance: Lori Theros; Bill Jennings; Trina Perez; Jeremy Player, Mike Moore, Don Ambers and Mychal Amos.

KFCS board members not in attendance: N/A

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 Call to Order: The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Theros at 6:01 pm.
- 1.2 Roll Call: A quorum of board members was present, and the meeting, being duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.
- 1.3 Public Welcome: Ms. Theros publically welcomed audience members and invited anyone in attendance who wished to speak during the Public Comment segment to submit a completed *Intent to Speak* form to the board secretary.
- 1.4 Public Comment: None
- 1.5 Superintendent's Comments:
 - a) **Student Excellence:** Started science program called Project Lead the Way (Risa James, teacher) started at Ponderosa, also going to be moving it to KU in the future. Project based teaching national standards; OIT is one of the originating universities. Mills is also piloting it in the elementary schools. Amy Hill has assumed her new position as AVID coordinator; GearUP coordinator and secondary curriculum coordinator. Seeking a grant for a program called the Ignite program which expands peer mentoring at Ponderosa and KUHS and to help develop core belief system for the schools. Cascades East grant to fund this program, Gayle Yamsaki is writing grant.
 - b) **Collaborative Excellence:** 6-12 teachers finish up their Scope and Sequence for their subject areas. Parent survey data back from conferences which were sent out to board members today. High grades given for communication and safety. 98% of elementary and 97% of secondary parents feel their children are safe. Opportunities for input and for warm and welcoming environments.
 - c) **Operational Excellence:** Closing on Clairmont property should be the end of December. OSAA classification continues to be a concern as the proposal is still on the table. Dr. Hillyer will know by weeks end if the board should sent a letter. Mr. Moore and Dr. Hillyer attended an OSBA foundation training. Mr. Moore is serving as the interim president of the foundation, meeting November 29th 5:15 pm.
- 1.6 Gifts to the District: None this month, but Ms. Theros thanked those who provided gifts which are not always heard about or seen.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2.1 Approval of May Minutes
- 2.2 Approval of June Agenda
- 2.3 Approval of Personnel Agenda

Motion: It was moved by Mike Moore and seconded by Mychal Amos that the Consent Agenda be approved as submitted.

Vote: All members in attendance and the Chair voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

3.0 **REPORTS:**

3.1 KUHS STUDENT REPORT – Ms. Peterson and Mr. Lam reported that the cross country girls won district and traveled to state where they placed 8th. ASB and SMART organized a trip to Malin Migrant Headstart to read and work with students. All-state honors were received by Tatijana Luce and Skylar Culpepper. Math 2nd in 4A division and 4th overall. DECA traveled to Bend for the OR Leadership conference; KU ASB hosted a Halloween DECA competition at OIT. *Black Comedy* played at Mills. DECA is attending the Western Regional Leadership Conference this week. Parent conferences were held in the new gym. Winter sports all start today. Nov 18th-21st ten band students from KUHS will attend Western International Band Clinic. Bloodmobile at KU this Wednesday 11/16 8am – 4pm.

3.2 KUHS Construction Report–Jeremy Morris of COC reported DLR, COC, Sam, Mike, etc. met on October 27th. Mr. Rose gave them a thorough update including a slideshow and defining where each part of the project is currently. Pel Court is well underway. As has been the case the schedule is ever-changing due to the surprises that are found in an old building that is being refurbished (i.e. hollow stairway, etc.). Planning for the grand opening of Pel Court is ongoing. The target date is for some time in early February. Mr. Morris reported that the Arts and Academics buildings have their own maximum prices attached to each of those projects. Value engineering is proceeding, it is a rolling process. The new bids will be available in December. DLR, Ms. Totten-Perry and Mr. Herron are working on a list of “soft” items that could be made available to alumni to cover. Ms. Totten-Perry reported that spending to date is \$16.6 million; \$833,000 K-8 schools; \$15.8 million spent on KUHS design, engineering, special testing, inspections, construction, Pel Court, demolition, asbestos abatement, builders risk insurance, shoring, geothermal well rehab, field house, new utilities to the Arts building in preparation for the construction, etc. The potential seismic grant will be for the Arts building. Ms. Totten-Perry noted that Belfor Environmental and Diversified have been phenomenal in the demolition and are saving the district substantial costs. Mr. Hoffman of DLR, who has been involved with project since June reported that they are currently in the midst of a two-week concentrated effort to make sure each project has a specific budget assigned where all parties are verifying that those projects are doable under those budgets. Introduced Joelle Harris of ZCS who has been brought on as the local architect, she is an expert in historical renovations. By the end of December there will be viable floor plans.

3.3 Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Baldini reported no update has been received from ODE as of yet. She noted that she had visited with the new State School Fund director from ODE and he indicated in an email that an estimate update might not come until January. Expenditures shown through 10/31 and revenue for the same period.

3.4 Pelican School Report – Presentation moved to March 2017.

3.5 Wellness Committee – The committee is considering revamping the wellness policy. Working with Chartwell’s toward making food more attractive. The Walker Tracker program can be used by staff and their families to track fitness on phones or computer, etc. Every 15 minutes of activity can earn points for gift cards; BP readings; healthy snacks and healthy lunches; Polar Body Scan test; encouraging group activities; Zumba; mini grants; newsletter, etc. Employees losing weight; BP screens are improving; healthy eating and moving more. The Wellness grant is in its third year so

the committee is working toward sustainability of this grant because healthy staff members do not miss work. Partnering with Blue Zones, etc. Each building has a site coordinator.

3.6 ECI Grant – Ms. Joynt reported KFCS and ECI received \$19,320 grant from Southern OR Early Learning Hub. The grant will be used to increase school attendance and school engagement with families. Going to offer three parenting skills training sessions in the spring using *Ready for Kindergarten* curriculum, will provide childcare and meals and other incentives to attend all three sessions. Partnering with the Klamath Tribes and Oregon Coalition to target families. The focus will be on students entering into kindergarten the fall of 2017.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 School Improvement Grant – Mr. Bartels reported that Mills has applied for a School Improvement Grant. Three main areas that need additional support: Bringing teachers to and retaining them at Mills, this grant would provide putting some stipends into place which would amount to \$7,500 to new teachers over three years, as well as stipends for existing teachers. Second, the grant would be used to provide high quality professional development. Thirdly the grant would be used to continue building bridges between parents and the school. The grant would be \$800,000 over three years and the district should hear back from the Department of Education soon with a decision on that grant. Dr. Hillyer would consider, based on the data that is gathered, continuing the stipend beyond the grant. Nationwide research shows that these stipends work in attracting and retaining teachers. There is a .50 FTE instructional teacher (to train teachers) that would be covered for three years (current position that would be continued). The grant is front-loaded and tapers off in years 2 and 3.

Motion: A motion was made by Ms. Perez and seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the submission of the Mills SGI.

Vote: All members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

4.2 Grade Exchange Policy – The policy has been modified to also include D grades. An appeals process has been added. All teachers at KUHS have been required to detail out their course curriculum so that it will be easier to pinpoint where students are deficient. There is an appeals process as well. There is a time limit of one year, after that time student must use the Credit Recovery option (#3). The policy is designed to help students who are struggling.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the Grade Exchange Policy as presented.

Vote: All members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Armed Forces Curriculum – Ms. Herron reported that South and North Medford campuses both have this program and they are very pleased with it. It is a leadership based program that is not used as a recruitment tool. Ms. Herron and Dr. Hillyer would work on the curriculum specifically in the areas of moral dilemma and sexual assault. Mr. Player stated he believes this is a recruitment tool. He strongly objects to this being in our schools. Ms. Perez expressed her approval of the elective leadership class.

Motion: A motion was made by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the addition of the elective Junior Guard Officer Leadership Detachment (JRGOLD) class to the KUHS curriculum.

Vote: Five members voted in the affirmative. Mr. Player voted nay. The motion carried.

6.0 **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Jennings stated that he would support the writing of a letter to OSAA and signed by the board opposing the potential conference changes. Mr. Moore inquired as to whether there is an appeal process, and whether there are things that the board can be doing to cut this off at the pass. Dr. Hillyer stated that he will look into this and report back. Additional comments were made that further travel and longer times away from school would be added concerns as well.

Mr. Moore reported on the OSBA Educational Foundation conference. It was informative, there was a good speaker at the beginning who provided good information. He is hoping to seat a new board soon to carry on the Pelican Foundation. He has talked to a number of folks who are interested in sitting on that board. The Salem-Keizer School District has grown their foundation to \$6 million. There is a thought that there might be a possibility of bringing Karina Lemons of Salem-Keizer down to talk to the local foundation board.

Mr. Player spoke about DHS grant for families with two generations of poverty. This would focus on presentation, training on school attendance, breaking the cycle of poverty, etc.

Ms. Perez reported that the OSBA conference was good, the focus was very much on self-reflection. She attended a breakout session on school nursing, one on attendance, etc.

Thanks to KU for working on the grade policy and good luck to Mills Elementary.

6.0 **BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS**

Ms. Theros reported that the OSBA conference had great speakers, great materials, etc.

ADJOURNMENT: The Klamath Falls City Schools board adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:57 p.m.



Teri Leeper Taylor, Board Secretary