**KWHS SAC Meeting Minutes**

**KWHS-Rising Strong! Conch Strong!**

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024-5:30pm**

**KWHS Media Center & Virtual Link: htps://nyurl.com/2pke6kb4**

1. **Call to order at 5:31 pm**

**Attendance :** Rebecca Palomino, Leslie Johnson, Hays Blinckmann, Judy Clarke, Dr. Veldheer Dan Perkins, Yanelys Ballard.

**Parent attendance:** Kimberly Bacon, Lori Mullins, Lynda Woods, Mery Puchuhuaranga, Kristen Winters, Carla Turner, Amy Stubblefield, Walt Howarth

**Virtual Attendance :** Kawana Staffney, Krystal Waldner, Rose Horn, Marissa Redding Dickerson, Jessica Rady, Marika Smith, Rick Warmbold, Kelley Maltz, Eloisa Barrios, Missy Martinez, L. Barnett, Tracey Smith, Megan Bordwell, Noel Ramirez.

1. **Welcome- Leslie Johnson**
   * + Sign in options
     + Opening remarks-Leslie Johnson
2. **Approve Minutes of August Meeting-**Motion Hays Blinckmann Second Judy Clarke
3. **Old Business**

* Ms. Kimberly Bacon, the military school liaison introduced herself and spoke briefly about her role working to support military transfers and bridging gap between military and schools. Rebecca Palomino added that an application to have KWHS gain Purple Star designation was submitted on 9/30. The program would include a partnership program designed to connect new military students and families with older ones to help with transition.

1. **New Business**

• **Staffing Update/Athletic Trainer Position**

Position was almost filled; applicant accepted but Hurricane Helene caused applicant to have to decline position. Will continue to have paid EMTs. No direction from School Board that requirements for the position will be relaxed.

School is in the process of hiring for ELL positions.

* + - **Free/reduced lunch**

Families need to apply annually; current enrollment expired on 9/25; notices to reapply were sent out. School absorbed $11,000 in lunch costs last year.

* **Testing Update and Feedback on Students Turning in Work without Electronics**

ELA testing on 9/10; 96% of students completed testing that day. Algebra I and Geometry 10/2 and 10/3, respectively, then make ups. Much better having computers on campus; classrooms were set up in advance, fewer classes were displaced, and testing was done quickly.

Not much feedback on students turning in paper work. Will be watching to see how requiring more in class work impacts attendance over the year. Last year the chronic absentee rate was 18%; current rate is 12%.

* **EL Students Acclimating to KWHS**

Very big transition for some due to coming from extreme hardship. Students seem to be coping, struggling gradewise. Talking with teachers about EL strategies. English classes are “sheltered,” students are grouped with other non-speakers but other classes are not, which may create hardship for other students. There is more support in classrooms than previously, with paraprofessionals to translate Spanish and Haitian creole.

* **Important Upcoming Dates**

Homecoming game is 11/1, parade is 10/28. Homecoming dance is 11/2. Supervisor of elections will set up voting equipment to vote for Queen on 10/30.

Senior parents – Parents night will be put on calendar. There will also be FAFSA workshops so check school calendar.

* **Election Update**

Referendum for millage is on the ballot. Everyone needs to vote it is important for the school budget.

1. **Question and Answer Period**
2. **Announcements –** Next SAC meeting is November 5, 2024, at 5:30 in Media Center and Virtually.
3. **Adjournment- 6:14 pm.**

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