

**Agenda for Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 13, 2025 - 6:00 pm**



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Mission Statement: We educate and empower our students with knowledge, skills, and practices to be successful and compassionate in school and life.

Campus Improvement Plan Goals for Alignment Purposes

(Goal 1): Increase the ADA from 84% to 88% or higher. Students in classrooms, not commons.

(Goal 2): All parents will be communicated with at least one time per week via newsletter from the campus and homeroom teacher. All parents will receive frequent communication with positive and negative feedback as needed. All parents will be notified prior to report cards, screener results, or intervention letters arriving home. All parents will have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during a face to face parent conference where KAPS staff uses a streamlined form to communicate glows and grows with parents. All parent communication will be documented in the Google Shared Drive.

(Goal 3): Objective 1: KAPS will have a teacher turnover rate less than the district/state average. Objective 2: KAPS will implement a mentor program. Objective 3: KAPS will implement Professional Learning Communities to build capacity campus wide for a curriculum, instruction, and assessment map.

(Goal 4): Objective 1: EAF grant and ACE grant via these programs funded by Federal grants we will increase the growth of students currently at 0% baseline to 25% for participation in after school clubs as well college and career readiness to provide real world learning experiences and opportunities to practice 21 st century learning skills such as collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity.

- 1) **Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2) **Public Forum**

The KAPS Board of Trustees welcomes stakeholder and community engagement to our meetings! Public attendees may comment on any approved agenda item before or during the item's discussion subject to the procedural limits imposed by regulatory guidance. You may be limited to 3 minutes. Board members will listen to comments but only the presiding officer may respond to the speaker if required. Those responses are limited to:

- Correcting misstatements of fact presented by the speaker
- Clarifying board policy
- Placing the item on a future agenda for discussion

Speaker present: Susan, parent whose son is a junior. She feels like this year has been such a positive change and experience from the prior two years of chaos and disorganization and wanted to tell the board .

- 3) **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

- a) **[NOTES 2024.12.16 Agenda](#)**

Motion to approve by: Paul Michels second by: Linda Kay Rogers

- 4) **Reports**

- a) **[November 2024 Board Reports.pdf](#)**

ADA is 88%
DeAnna reviewing November 30 Budget to Actual
25% of the way through the year
(see report for additional information)

A couple of areas are trending higher than expected, to include invoices from the prior year that were unanticipated but necessary to take care of.

Net assets roughly \$1.8 million (just under)

Paul Michels expressed concern of being over budget in proportion to how much of the year we are currently through.

Mariah responded that we did have areas, like Special Ed where we had unexpected expenses- testing, diagnostician, utilities, invoices from prior year unanticipated, and repairs for a/c, and bathroom work, etc. Those things increased costs that were not expected. These expenses will not be a constant, nor will they continue.

Mariah referenced the large percentage of sped students the school has and that we are continuing to get newly enrolled students with 504's.

Paul is still concerned that the instructional costs are still over, and will they continue to be over, long term through the year, as instructional costs are a constant.

DeAnna indicated that instruction will continue to exceed proportionally the budget, for where we are time wise in the budget. DeAnne then points out that payroll is trending higher from September through December than what was projected/forecasted.

Paul again asks, are these choices we intentionally made, were we aware of these higher expenses? Why? Mariah answered they were ACE expenses and stipends, and Pam chimed in repairs were also done while the kids were not here. Mariah explained that the lack of a bus driver needed, and overtime expenses for staff to be busdrivers drove these costs up, also.

Paul is concerned about being "budget neutral" and if cuts have to occur to do so by the end of the year.

Pam and Mariah both mentioned that the reduction in instructional staff from last semester will contribute to lessening the instructional costs.

Paul is concerned that we need to carefully look at decision making in regards to forecasting ahead if we are going to continue to see the need for continual SPED assessment and testing. In case it does not end, but continues with continued enrollment of SPED students from outside.

DeAnna was requested to come on to the 27th meeting, to continue to discuss this, per Erin.

DeAnna continued with her report and stated all other areas are within target to meet the three year compliance.

She reported we are in line to receive a 96 with Charter First.

b) Superintendent's Report

- i) Enrollment ADA Culture Discipline
Enrollment is 100 today with 98 average daily attendance.
- ii) TIA Update- she and Ty meet WEd for a follow up meeting.
- iii) SPED Update- MR. Cantu was out ill- his report will need to be added later.
- iv) [ACE Update](#)- they are trying to set bigger parameters for bigger clubs and get more commitments.
Requesting club sponsors to do social media blurbs to promote the clubs. ACE is supposed to target not just KAPS students, but students in the community overall.
Erin asked how many students are using the after school program- response from Mariah was 25.
Paul is asking for something that speaks to us meeting compliance on this.

5) ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT MATTERS: DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

- c) NSLP Program - through Texas Dept of AG (TDA) - KAPS was placed on a fiscal hold on March of 23. Based on the inability of KAPS to provide a review TDA put the funds on hold for KAPS. KAPS requested a review when we reapplied, and as we got closer to the review date Mariah worked to make sure they had the reports ready, but each time TDA asked for even more documentation- the documentation was not there. Mariah was at a loss as to what to do. When Cassie came in, the documentation began to occur. IT was recommended we self terminate. Then reapply. There are a variety of routes this may go. WE did self terminate and working with Region 13 to reapply to the program. We have requested a on site visit with region 13. Mariah is desperately trying to get KAPS back on track with this.

Discussions then went to what creative ways can the kitchen be used by students, staff, to cook healthier meals, using healthier and locally sourced ingredients.

Pam mentioned that a new refrigerator is needed. The refrigerator went out. A large commercial refrigerator one is needed, which would cost about \$6 or \$7K.

We apply July 1st 2025 back to the NSLP program, and it will be a reset, and we have an AR based on all the documentation we do this year beginning August 2024 and we would then be starting anew, we hope.

d) CTE Discussions

- i) Update on S2 24/25 Schedule
- ii) Plan to gather feedback and conduct needs assessment S2 24/25
-plan for needs assessment in late April/early May to set plan for the following academic year and also to set pace so all students can take them as electives through a planning committee
- iii) Timeline to propose expansion for SY 25/26

Discussions on how to choose and plan the program for what CTE classes to offer, and what pathways they will lead to, or will they just be varying electives.

e) January 27 Committee Presentation Reminder- has now been postponed to February.

- i) Governance - PM
- ii) Finance - JS
- iii) Development - SD, LR
- iv) Academic - SD, TG
- v) Safety - EH Board Rep

Concern about following up with Gary, whom did not have his audit documentation in order in a timely manner to present, and did not show up this evening. Will anticipate a meeting potentially Friday the 17th? (Day of Service).

Sara Dishman made a motion to adjourn- Erin seconded.

5) Closed Session

Only as needed to maintain confidentiality and protect sensitive information, the Board may call for a closed session. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed session, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in the open meeting.

Closed Session Discussion Pursuant to Section(s)

Sec. 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Sec. 551.072 DELIBERATION ABOUT REAL PROPERTY
Sec. 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Sec. 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTER
Sec. 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES OR SECURITY AUDITS
Sec. 551.082 SCHOOL CHILDREN; SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; DISCIPLINARY MATTER OR COMPLAINT
Sec. 551.082 SCHOOL BOARD: PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT

6) Adjournment

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Erin Stonehawk-Hearn, President, Board of Trustees