



KGES SDMC MEETING

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Time: 4:20 pm – 5:20 pm

Facilitator: Mr. M. Collins, Principal

SDMC Member attendance:

Marques Collins, Principal

Lameika Walker, Assistant Principal

Tameka Hornsby, Assistant Principal

Altoya Robertson, Teacher

Nishea Early, Parent

Kenneth Williams, Business Partner

Alberta Cotton, Teacher

Chaney Johnson, Counselor

Yolanda Dailey, Special Ed Teacher

Tisie Brown, Teacher

Erica Alcantar, Parent

Ingrid Baker, Principal Apprentice

Phaedra Gray, Teacher

Alex James, Special Ed Teacher

Wallace Harris, Special Ed Teacher

Anna Quiroz, Office Manager

Keith Downey, Community Member

Welcome & Member Introduction

Meeting began the meeting at 4:27 pm. Mr. Collins introduced himself as the Principal of KGES and welcomed new and returning committee members. The floor was open for committee member introductions.

I. Enrollment Updates

Mr. Collins informed the committee that we currently have 318 students enrolled at KGES which is below the projected enrollment of 355 students. The cause of low enrollment is students' relocation and hesitation about being at a New Education System (NES) school. The benefit of low enrollment is smaller class sizes which is resulting in increased teacher interaction and student engagement.

II. RAM Bucks – Student Incentives

Mr. Collins was proud to announce that we will begin distributing RAM Bucks as student incentive. The RAM Bucks are spent at the RAM store during the student lunch period. Mr. Collin thanked the community members for their donations to make the RAM Store possible. The money donated was used to purchase items from Oriental Trading. The Ram Store will be open in October.

III. DEC8 Regulations

Mr. Collins informed the committee that Superintendent Miles made changes to policies regarding employee absences and leave. Superintendent Miles stated "we are essential professional employees" which warranted the change in policy. Mr. Collins stated that we must be available to do our jobs and this system is in place to alleviate absences. A copy of the policy was provided to all members.

IV. Testing Calendar Update

Mr. Collins informed the committee that students will be taking the NWAE BOY Map testing for Reading, Math and Science. This new testing system is mandatory and has taken the place of Renaissance (REN360). Mr. Collins also mentioned that testing for 3-5 Unit Assessments have been moved to Friday to accommodate MAP testing.

V. Instructional and School Operations Update

Mr. Collins informed the committee that KGES is a NEW campus and that we are following the NES Model. He mentioned that the instructional day begins at 8:00 am. He invited the committee members to the campus to observe the model and how it has benefited instruction.

VI. Principals Evaluation PowerPoint (LEAD)

Mr. Collins stated that the Principal Evaluation PowerPoint has not been provided and we will schedule another meeting to review the information.

The PowerPoint was provided Wednesday, September 20th, 2023. The committee reconvened on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:20 pm via TEAMS to discuss principal evaluation system and to complete the LEAD Survey.

VII. SDMC Community Leaders and Parent Updates

Mr. Downey invited KGES to National Night Out at Mickey Leland Park on October 3, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Mr. Collins stated that under the NES Model, we have been focused on instruction, we are slowly organizing our student clubs and after school activities. We are looking forward to having our Cheerleaders, Basketball players and clubs back at The Gardens.

Mr. Downey informed the committee that KGES is a historical marker. On September 7, 1960, KGES was the first school to allow a student of color to attend school with white students. It's an honor to represent and be apart of history.

VIII. SDMC Staff Member Updates

No Updates by SDMC Staff Members

IX. Questions/Updates

Mr. Collins mentioned that there is no school on Monday, September 25th, 2023 for our Fall Holiday. Mr. Collins also provided the committee with an update on current and upcoming work orders to beautify the building. He also mentioned that we are currently in search for an additional custodial staff member.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm