

**KIKER ELEMENTARY CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**November 2, 2009**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Kate Scholz, Carolyn McKaskle, Lori Schneider, Randie Fraser, Melody Crowther, Katy Vassar, Betty Greene, Sharon Peltzman, Megan Schultz, JoAnn Dorman, Rachael Becker, Karla Peterman, Esther Bull, Cindy David, Kim Stockenbojer, Laura Mouw, Ann Council, Rebecca Warnick, Jeanna Crow, Brian Crow, Robin Walton, Karen Syzdek, Louree Eason, Kristi Samon, Misty Harmon, Melody Lopez, Cathryn Mitchell

**Call to Order**

The meeting was call to order at 3:03 p.m. by Kate Scholz.

**Public Comments/Celebrations**

This past weekend several Kiker colleagues ran in the *Race for the Cure* in celebration of Peggy Chesson's life.

Rebecca Warnick has joined the Kiker CAC as the Kiker Kinder zoned for Clayton representative.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Kate Scholz to approve the minutes; the second was made Cindy David. The minutes were approved.

**Building a Profile for the new SW Elementary School Principal**

Cathryn Mitchell from the Associated Superintendent of Area 3 Elementary Schools presented the timeline of selecting a principal for the new SW elementary school:

- November 10, 2009: Selected elementary principals from the Bowie Vertical Team and Ariel Cloud will screen applications
- November 19, 2009: Interviews will be conducted
- By December 14, 2009: The candidate recommendation will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval

There will also be one parent and one teacher from both Kiker and Clayton involved in the screening process.

Cathryn also reviewed some of the attributes captured so far in the survey. In addition to the attributes reviewed, it was suggested by CAC that the following are included:

- the new principal should not only have experience at the district level, but have experience in working with an involved community
- would like to ensure principals from Clayton, Mills and Kiker are involved in the screening process

It was also requested by an attending parent that military experience is preferred, but not required. Once all input is received on the surveys, Cathryn will send to Kiker administration as an FYI.

**Principal's Report:**

Graduation Requirement Surveys: A survey is available for you to share your opinion regarding changes in graduation requirements to the Recommended High School Program which was a part of House Bill 3. The following is no longer required:

- a semester of health
- full year technology applications

- ½ year of P.E.

A link to the survey can be found on [www.austinaisd.org](http://www.austinaisd.org):

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aNwqoMrB1GD1M1LNjfa3VQ\\_3d\\_3d](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=aNwqoMrB1GD1M1LNjfa3VQ_3d_3d)

One question included in the survey is how to implement this change – does it take affect to those who graduate in 2011 or should it be phased in to entering 9<sup>th</sup> graders in 2010 and beyond

### *Staffing*

Ms. Schneider is extremely proud that our teachers and staff will do anything for our children's success. Our teachers cross train and embrace diversity. Kiker is seeking another staff member to support a current team. We have a model in existence that supports diversity that is highly recognized and supported by the district.

### *District Funding*

Ms. Schneider went into further detail about additional stimulus funding and where those funds are directed.

### **New SW Elementary Boundary Update**

Kristi Samon, one of the two Kiker parent representatives, reported that the last two boundary meetings have been more informational and directional. The next meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, is when the preliminary boundary change will be presented to the task force by the office of FUBTF. The task force will then meet 3 times to discuss the boundary recommendations before the office of the FUBTF presents to all elementary schools during their CAC meetings. Their scheduled tour is between November 19<sup>th</sup> – December 11<sup>th</sup> but is not yet scheduled for Kiker.

*Projected numbers for 2010 capacity* are as follows for the elementary schools that could be affected by the boundary change (the district likes schools to sit somewhere between 75%-115%):

- Clayton: 143%
- Boone: 59%
- Cowan: 97%
- Kiker 81%
- Oakhill: 128%
- Patton: 70%
- Sunset Valley: 70%
- Mills: 121%

The task force will try to relieve the higher capacity schools and filling the under capacity. Most likely, Kiker will be adding students, but that is not a definite. Kristi reported that other schools have approached her to learn more of the "Kiker" strategy, but Kristi is trying to reassure everyone there is no strategy at this time. It was suggested that once the maps are available to the public, we include a note in Kiker Comments with Kristi and Scott's email as a way for parents to provide input. Kristi took the action item to get that submitted to Jenn to include in this week's Kiker Comments.

The following comments were also discussed:

- The next few months will be tense in our community so we must act in a manner that we would want our children to act
- We want to honor the Kiker kinders zoned for Clayton that want to stay next year, so we'll need to know that number as it will affect our capacity numbers. We will most likely conduct a survey in the next few weeks to gather this data.

- We need to make sure other elementary schools don't try to include Wildflower Park in their strategy – they will stay in the Kiker zone.

**PTA Report:**

Spelling bee will be Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The first planning meeting for International Night will be held Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. on the deck

A special PTA budget meeting will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:15.

**Announcements/Questions**

Of the CAC members that voted for the 2010-2011 calendar provided by the district, calendar A was chosen.

Gorzyski Dedication Ceremony will take place Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. Guided tours start at 1:00.

Joe Silva's office (FUBTF) will be at our next CAC meeting to present the preliminary boundary change. The date of the meeting has not been set, but is based on their availability to come out.

**Adjourn**

Carolyn McKaskle adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.