

Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School
Special Meeting

Monday, August 23, 2024

Board members present: Terry Davis (chairperson), Grace Hughes (treasurer), Ryan Forsythe (secretary), Mindy King,

Via Zoom: Angie Graves, Cody Zook,

Excused Absence: Amanda Selden-Dixon

Absent: Lucy Becker (student representative), Emily Kelley (student representative)

Facilitator: Terry / Minutes: Ryan

Meeting called to order at 10:11 am.

- New Business:
 - Low enrollment - discussion of potential solutions.

We discussed that it is almost the start of school and we have 9 spaces out of 16 open for 9th grade. At the moment we have 45 spaces out of our available 64, but we anticipate losing 2 of those. So we expect to be at 43. But we also have 2 students on the waitlist for 10th grade. Terry asked if there was a limit to how many students a teacher can handle. He suggests that given our enrollment and budget, we should let in as many students. Grace suggests the idea of capping seniors, so as to not impact younger students. Mindy says we should be flexible and maybe a cap of 3 or 4 per grade. Cody says getting students in and helping our budget is more important than thinking about some consequences that may never materialize.
 - We came to consensus that we will allow up to 4 more in any one grade. The idea is that KCA will hold space open for up to 16 students per grade until the week before school starts. This will allow ample time for families to demonstrate interest and sign up. However, if we reach 7 days before the first day of school and openings remain in any one grade while there is a waitlist in another, KCA can begin admitting students from the waitlist, provided that we limit additional students to no more than 4 per grade. Thus, for these grades, the max capacity would be up to 20. If, for example, the 10th grade went up to 20 total, that grade would reach capacity. With the addition of these students to one grade, it would be the case that at least one other grade would have a cap below 16. But adding students where there is interest would support the most families, while also contributing to KCA's overall fiscal health.
 - The board will officially vote on this at our September 9 meeting, but the staff can tentatively begin preparing this action.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

Upcoming Meetings

- 5pm Monday, September 9 *, 2024
- 5pm Monday, October 7, 2024

* = denotes meeting held on a different Monday this month (other than 1st Monday) due to holidays or school schedules