

Kalmiopsis Community Arts High School
Organizational Board Meeting

Monday, October 21, 2024

Board members present: Terry Davis (chairperson), Grace Hughes (treasurer), Ryan Forsythe (secretary), Cody Zook, Mindy King, Whitman Franklin (student representative)

Excused Absence: Amanda Selden-Dixon, Angie Graves,

Absent: Kava Rose (student representative)

Facilitator: Terry / Minutes: Ryan

Meeting called to order at 5:09pm.

- New Business:
 - High enrollment (relative to staff abilities) - discussion of potential solutions.
Ryan shared that 8 weeks after we had a meeting to discuss the issue of low enrollment, the teachers are encountering the opposite issue: we continue to receive enrollment requests. Not counting two requests that came in over the past 48 hours or so (both for 11th grade), at the moment, we are up to 54, including 10 in 9th grade, 20 in 10th grade, 14 in 11th grade, and 10 in 12th grade. For the size of the staff and our advertised student-to-teacher ratio, it's getting a little much. With the added work of Teacher Leaders serving as student advisors, it is making the work almost overwhelming. Melissa shared that when we ended up adding numerous adjunct faculty who each teach one class, they don't take on the additional admin duties such as advisory (That is, if we had a Teacher Leader teaching 4 classes, they would also serve as advisor and do other admin, but having 4 adjuncts each teach 1 class doesn't come with the associated admin support)..
 - Grace asked if a limit of around 55 or so would be appropriate. Ryan shared that if we keep it to those who enrolled, plus our two recent requests, that would be 56 students and that should be reasonable.
 - Whitman shared a student perspective that it does sometimes seem swamped with students and he may have to wait to talk to a teacher who has 7 people surrounding them. He agrees 56 would be a good cap.
 - Mindy shared that we should begin looking for another Teacher Leader this winter. Cody suggested January would be an appropriate time.
 - We discussed whether our current space will work for 64 next year. We're hopeful to be able to expand into more of the building, adding 1 or 2 classrooms for next year. That would really help make it work for our max capacity of 64. If we can add 1 or more classrooms and 1 more Teacher Leader, 64 will be great.
 - Consensus of the board is that we should cap our enrollment at 56. We will add to our agenda for the next meeting and the board will officially vote on this then, but the board directs the staff to tentatively begin preparing this action.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25.

Upcoming Meetings

- 5pm Monday, November 4, 2024
- 5pm Monday, December 2, 2024

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