

Knowledge Quest Academy

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Work Session Minutes
Knowledge Quest Academy
July 16, 2020

- I. Call to order at 6:32pm.
- II. In attendance: Aaron, Doug, Gabe, Mike(phone), Tauna, and Linda. Jodi-excused absence.
Guests: Dan Johnson, Betty Person, Brittany Von Feldt, and Katelyn Laundry, Brenda Chinn
- III. Pledge of allegiance/KQA code of honor
- IV. Approval of agenda- Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by Gabe: Amend the agenda to add “Public Comment” portion to Agenda, Before Items of Discussion Motion Approved
- V. Public comment-
 - a. Public comments were heard
- VI. Items for Discussion:
 - a. District Updates
Tauna: Bond/MLO, District moving to inform the county clerks they’ll be on the ballot.
District planning to start school with “Ph. 4” requiring full mask requirements.
Mike mentioned the recent mandate by Polis about requiring face masks, expiring August 15th (at start of school).
Tauna reached out to the attorney to inquire about any modifications we make to the districts plans and how that may affect Transportation. He can draft a letter to the District with our independent operational strategy regarding our transportation. If we choose to opt. out for a given time frame.
Tauna asked about “did the district mention anything about a plan if/when there is a positive case.
 - b. Re-Entry Considerations
Aaron: CARES Act money spent to date: \$142,000 remaining out of \$188,000.
Edgenuity: Contracting for on-line instruction. Tauna and Brenda did a live meeting with Chet and discussing the Virtual Instruction Services on top of the supplemental services we now subscribe to. With a Colorado Certified Teacher, they teach to the Colorado Standards, utilizing NWEA testing mechanisms. If an Elementary student chooses to attend virtually, a parent is encouraged to work with their child in real time. Includes consumables. Would need to commit to a full semester. Requires a “mentor teacher” on-site to monitor student progress. Price K-5(full learning): \$1,850 per student. Tauna asked about only core classes, Chet quoted: \$1,100 per student.
This plan would require that homeroom teachers be available outside core studies to support the social/emotional aspect.
Middle School: \$300 per course, per student (\$1,200 for all core subjects per student).

They would bill on usage, after 14-day grace period, full cost will be charged. Tauna has slides, passed around. Potential to set up a trial account for a test drive.

*Soft Start Hybrid, 4 weeks: Preparing students for re-entry to set guidelines, requirements, and procedures they'd need to follow at school.

Staff Survey: copies provided by Linda. Requested they be reviewed by the board. 29 respondents.

Parent Survey: copies provided by Linda. Requested they be reviewed by the board. Decent turn out (40%+/-), heavy in lower grades, lighter in upper grades. Many topics in the survey are or will be addressed. Potential for a few things we'll need to wait on to find out what may be mandated by outside influences. Linda/Dan to push out a text message to remind families to respond.

Discussion about how the soft start could look and discussed ideas.

Re-Entry: Linda discussed with Stody what PE will look like. \$186.65 PA system for PE Linda wants to start school with a Theme. Suggesting Baseball as the theme, with themed place markers, walk up songs.

Need to look at protective *ruggedized cases for some Chrome Books \$7,130 for 202* various models.

Diller Mechanical – RTU6 Cost went up a bit, but they are absorbing that additional cost. Will install in Late September.

Diller Mechanical – Linda requested bid for making air circulation better and increasing air-flow. *\$1,843 to address air flow/quality, including filter replacements for 1 year.*

UV Cleaning carts for computers: Linda spoke with dealer about them and we could receive before school is ordered in the next few days. *Received quotes for a 30 an 40 bay carts 30 bay cart: \$5,195.91, 40 bay cart: \$5,695.91 pending shipping charge.*

Miscellaneous – bathroom passes, PSA posters/reminders, Linda to purchase under her limit, If board is polled, that limit can increase (case by case)

Informational or organizational method for coordinating student pick-up at the end of school days. "Apparently there is an APP for that". Linda to solicit a proposal for this.

Thermometers- Linda to continue research for viable solutions. Plan to have this for the board at the next meeting.

Waxie walk-down, given approval that we're good to start. They will perform a subsequent walk-down prior to starting school and to implement training.

WiFi Access points Dan reviewed our system, speaking with technical consultants about our system. Some nodes are older, the rest were set up recently. Nodes rated at +/-40 units per node. Through a process we can initiate contact with eRate to support the purchase of upgrades.

Based on the # of units, we can handle between 540 and 800 devices. There is a new unit that handles more units per node at a cost \$2200-2300. Dan is expecting the quotes tomorrow. Gabe advocated for the purchase of more, possibly 3.

Plexiglass shields being assembled by the custodial staff. Linda to forward the money spent to Aaron tomorrow.

c. Building Repairs

Diller Mechanical RTU-6: \$30,975.

d. Yearly Contracts

Grounds Maintenance from Lutey: \$13,200

VII. Adjourn: Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe. Motion Approved 8:27pm.

Submitted by Board Director Douglas W. Chinn