

Meeting Title: Communications Committee	Meeting Date: 1/12/2017
Meeting Location: KOSD Board Room	Meeting Time: 6:00 PM
Attendees: Kristen Pauchnik, Annie Shaw, Neely Crowell, Sarah Welch and Matt Cesario	

Meeting Notes:

1. Peachjar eFlyer Distribution

The district will begin to utilize Peachjar for eflyer distribution. You can find out more information about Peachjar at <http://www.kosd.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=50AGP0&dasi=30YY>

2. Kindergarten Postcard

Ms. Welch will be mailing a postcard to residents of the district to invite them to our kindergarten open house event to be held on February 22 at Dormont Elementary.

3. Photography Contract

The district’s photography contract will expire on June 30, 2017. Ms. Welch will post the new RFQ within the next couple of months. We do not anticipate any need to change the contract at this time. We will consider tweaking the contract depending on the interest generated by the RFQ.

4. Tour of the Middle & High Schools

The group toured most of the Middle and High School buildings looking for “broken windows”. We found signage that is out of date, missing or poorly improvised. The group also found evidence of a lack of respect of school property and other students by students and or visitors.

We did not enter many classrooms, so it should be noted that these comments do not reflect on the vibrancy that may be evident in the classrooms. Overall, the group found that the buildings present a rather “blah” feeling overall. We will continue to think about and discuss ways that the buildings can become more welcoming and vibrant . We also recognize the need to find grants to fund a variety of projects. We also welcome collaboration and ideas from teachers, staff and students.

The group noted the old planetarium space as being wasted with lots of potential. The group was also taken back by the amount of unused resources that are piled up and stashed in a variety of corners of the buildings that makes the spaces feel neglected and under utilized.

We did learn from Ms. Welch that there is interest from faculty in turning some of the spaces into useful areas. High School science teacher Madeline Kay worked with a group of students throughout the first semester to clean out and refurbish and greenhouse room. This room had not been used for many years and is now being used to grow a variety of herbs and to house an aquaponics tank. Plans are in the works to collaborate with other departments, such as tech ed and STEAM classes, to incorporate other elements into the room.

We would love to see more collaborative efforts like this in other areas of the buildings.

The next Communications Committee Meeting will be held on 1/31/17 @ 6:00 PM in the Board Room.

