

QUARTERLY NEWS FROM KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT 38

SUMMER 2021

CALENDAR



July 30, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Noon
Residency
Verification Day

August 4, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Residency
Verification Day

August 5, 2021

9:00 a.m.
Building & Finance
Committee Meeting

August 17, 2021

Regular Board of
Education Meeting

August 18, 2021

First Day of Student
Attendance K-8 &
Meet and Greet

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or comments for the
Kenilworth School District
No. 38 Board of Education
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Dear Community Members and Alumni,

Welcome to the first edition of the Sears Community,
a quarterly newsletter designed to provide you with
information, news, and key dates from The Joseph Sears
School. We hope this will give you an inside look at the
quality education offered by The Joseph Sears School.
Enjoy!

Be well,

Kate Donegan, Superintendent, kdonegan@kenilworth38.org



Ms. Kate Donegan
Superintendent

Congratulations to The Joseph Sears School Class of 2021!

The entire District 38 community extends its congratulations
and best wishes for continuing success to the graduates
of the Class of 2021. Always a Panther!



Celebrating Milestones 2020-2021

25 Years of Service

Toula Sideris

20 Years of Service

Emily Hayden

10 Years of Service

Jennifer Arra

Bernadette Slovitt



Jennifer Arra, Emily Hayden, Toula Sideris, and Bernadette Slovitt.

Teachers have
immense
confidence and
belief in their students'
potential to succeed.
They instill the idea that
their students can do anything they
set their minds to and keep pushing
toward that goal until it is achieved.
The Joseph Sears School has been
fortunate to have outstanding teachers.
Several teachers have been teaching



Sears students for many years. We
celebrate their years of service and
thank them for everything they do for
our school community daily.

Celebrating our Retiree

Congratulations and
thank you to support
staff employee, Julie
Campanaro, for her 15
years of dedicated service
to Kenilworth SD38.



Julie Campanaro

Board of Education Welcomes New Members

On May 3, 2021, new board members, Mr. Paul Anderson and Mr. Ashish Kaura, and continuing board members, Mr. Stephen Potter and Mr. Bill Graham, took the Oath of Office and joined the Kenilworth SD38 Board of Education (BOE).

The District would like to thank retiring board members Mr. John Gottschall (2017-2021) and Mr. Andrew Stone (2019-2021) for their leadership on behalf of the school community. Their integrity, commitment, and contribution to The Joseph Sears School were invaluable. Mr. Stone and Mr. Gottschall contributed to many recent Board efforts including the Administrative Structure Study, hiring a new superintendent and administrative team,

developing a Master Facilities Plan, and reviewing and updating school policies that promote achievement for all students.

Upcoming initiatives of the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year include:

- Continue to implement the Master Facilities Plan and oversee construction ensuring it delivers on key priorities for students, faculty, staff, and community.
- Contract negotiations with teachers and support staff.
- Develop a new Strategic Plan to provide a future-ready, student-centered learning experience for every child in the District.

Mr. Paul Anderson

Elected Term 2021-2025

Paul and his wife, Kate, have lived in Kenilworth for four years after moving from Lincoln Park. They have twin daughters and one son: Violet (7), Clara (7), and James (4). Paul is a partner in the Chicago office of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, an international law firm. He was elected to the board in 2021. Paul chairs the Policy Committee.



Mr. Paul Anderson

Mr. Ashish Kaura

Elected Term 2021-2025

Ashish and his wife, Varsha, have lived in Kenilworth for the last five years after moving from neighboring Wilmette. They have two children, Arjun (19) and Aanchal (13). Ashish is a partner at the consulting firm of Oliver Wyman, specializing in health care. He was elected to the Board in May 2021 and is looking forward to serving on the Building and Finance Committee.



Mr. Ashish Kaura

Officers for 2021-2022

President: Mr. Evan Lukasik
Vice-President: Mr. Bill Graham
Secretary: Mrs. Mia Casey Sachs
Treasurer: Dr. Joe Bailey



The 2021-2022 Board Committees

Building and Finance Committee:
Mr. Steve Potter (Chair), Mr. Bill Graham,
Mr. Ashish Kaura, Dr. Lisa Metzger-Mugg

Policy Committee: Mr. Paul Anderson (Chair),
Mrs. Mia Casey Sachs, Mr. Bill Graham

Board Liaisons

Bill Reviewer: Mr. Ashish Kaura
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DEB Liaison: Mrs. Mia Casey Sachs
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NSSD Liaison: Dr. Lisa Metzger-Mugg
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Emergency Preparedness Liaison: Dr. Lisa Metzger-Mugg

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Future Ready Learning Goals Initiatives

In February, teachers and administrators participated in a workshop designed to build on Future Ready Learning Goals (FRLG) developed during the March 2020

Facility Visioning Session. This was facilitated by David Stephen from New Vista Design, who also led the Visioning Sessions for the Master Facilities Plan (MFP).

During the workshop, participants reviewed highlights from the Visioning Sessions for the MFP, including Design Patterns and Guiding Principles, and the implications of these for teaching and learning. A series of structures



"Math teachers are looking forward to developing cross-curricular lessons with science teachers to enhance mastery of content in both subject areas and to foster fearless learning, creativity and curiosity, and collaboration and communication."

— Cathy Quigley, Math Teacher

and practices were created to help students learn and grow, and for the school community to

thrive. The FRLG include:

- Global Citizenship
- Fearless Learning
- Creativity and Curiosity
- Critical Thinking
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Mastery of Priority Standards

Teachers and administrators have used the ideas generated at the workshop to create a multi-year plan to achieve the FRLG.

These plans include:

- District-Wide Curriculum Articulation & Renewal
- Social-Emotional Learning Program and Advisory Program Development Review
- Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports Review
- Equity Audit
- Student Leadership Expansion
- Strategic Planning

All of the faculty workgroups for the 2021-2022 school year have been aligned with these areas of focus.

Summer Construction in the Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Areas of the School Building

This summer the first phase of the Master Facilities Plan construction will begin. The focus will be the Junior Kindergarten/Kindergarten (JK/K) hub area. In this phase the existing JK classroom will be expanded to 850 sq. ft., a second 820 sq. ft. classroom will be added using a portion of the current Multipurpose Room and a 1,100 sq. ft. JK/K hub will be created.

DLA Architects created the designs for this following a series of initiatives to get input from key community stakeholders. This began with the Visioning Sessions the District held with school faculty, parents, students, and community members. Out of these sessions came a list of guiding principles to use as a road map for the learning



Master Facilities Plan

spaces for the entire MFP.

These guiding principles include:

- Personalization
- Accessibility
- Flexibility
- Community Orientation
- Outdoor Connectivity
- Sustainability

DLA Architects collaborated with the JK/K faculty and the administration to review the guiding principles and curriculum delivery, and how these would be incorporated into the design. This also included a site visit to a recently completed Early Education Center.

Through discussions with JK/K teachers, it was realized that younger children first learn how to engage with the world by connecting to their homes and the local community. The hub is inspired by

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Summer Construction continued ...

the Village of Kenilworth and incorporates shapes representing the train station and tracks, along with significant features found in the community. The green floor represents the grass of Townley Field, and the blue pattern represents Lake Michigan. Personalization is realized in the hub space by allowing there to be many different zones for age-appropriate STEM activities, such as working with large blocks or sand and water tables.

The outdoor connectivity to nature was also essential, and the design includes elements of grass, acoustical clouds, and blue acoustical ceiling tiles to represent the sky.

To maintain sustainability in the design, renewable products such as linoleum no-wax flooring and products with recycled content, along with Low-VOC and Zero-VOC paints and wall coverings will be used. Finish material selections are durable and are low maintenance. Tackable and writable surfaces to display student work are at the student's eye level.

Changes incorporated in the design will allow the ability to expand our early childhood offerings depending on community needs. The space may also be used for potential activities in partnership with the Kenilworth Park District or NSSD. Teachers will be able to use the active hub to achieve so many of their goals around our play-based curriculum.

The design creates a space for students to achieve future-ready learning goals collaboratively.



Renderings of the Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten classrooms and shared Hub.



**All students will be prepared to advance
and thrive, now and into the future.**

