



# Nikiski North Star Elementary

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## Site council Minutes January 12, 2015

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Attendance: Karen Pala, Adrienne Bostic, Margaret Gilman, Travis Moore, Tammy Berdahl

Called to order 3:50

Approval of Agenda - Travis moved to approve, Tammy seconded

Public Comments - N/A

Report from Primary Representative - Karen Pala reported: 2nd grade is studying nutrition, Kindergarten reported Kelso's choice has been very successful, Primary reported the 20 minute conferences for February went well and was enough time. Concern - the book fair content. Is there a way to choose the content that is sent? What about the trinkets sold? Can we get more books and less junk? Are there packages to choose from?

Report from Intermediate and Special Services Representative - Adrienne Bostic reported: 3-5 very busy with Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Forensics, Battle of the Books, Science Fair, and AMP it up day. Conferences were well attended, but 20 minutes was not enough time to cover all information. SPED department reported that they are still working improve scheduling for next year.

Parent Report - Travis Moore reported - in response to the book fair, there is an option to do a "Buy 3 books, get 1 free" if we do 3 book fairs in one school year. What do teachers think? Would we be willing to do it May 2nd during the "Dog Jog" and then into the following week? Next, is no masks during the Halloween carnival a district policy? It is a rule for safety, but it should be made public knowledge. Finally the stairs to the upper parking lot are not aligned with the entrance of the school. The borough will be taking out the north set of stairs in both the upper and lower parking lots. Staff is asked to park in the upper lot.

Community Report - Tammy Berdahl reported. youth volleyball is going well and will finish the week before spring break. Wrestling has started and will continue through May. Pre-K dance classes are being held on Saturdays. Adult basketball is going on now. Adult co-ed volleyball will be starting after spring break. Nikiski North Star staff might be interested in starting a team. Nikiski Track and Field day is scheduled for May 13th and will be replacing the Hershey Track and Field meet.

Principal Report -

Superintendent Search survey due tomorrow. District is seeking input.

KPBSD budget - Majority of budget comes from Borough and State funding. The price of oil drops and the Governor is reporting cuts to most departments. He has reported not cutting education and the per pupil funding formula. The district will most likely keep its base funding but will not receive any further one time funding. The borough will probably have decreased state funding also. The budgets will not be determined until later in the year.

Enrollment/Staffing - we continue to hold steady in enrollment numbers. Submitted the projected enrollment to keep current staffing numbers.

AMP update- NNS will be testing online within the State testing window. 3rd grade will be testing the week of March 30th, 4th grade will be testing the week of April 6th, and 5th grade will be testing the week of May 13th. Each grade will be tested in Math and ELA. There are four sections to each test. There are 25 questions in the first sections, and 15 questions in each of the following 3 sections. The average testing time for the both the total math test and the total ELA test is approximately 90 minutes.

New Business-

Federal Programs Powerpoint - NNS is a Title I school. We have a full-time Title 1 teacher and a full-time pre-k Title teacher. We have parent family nights and book bags. We use AIMSWEB benchmarks to drive our DAT days. There are over 400 students serviced districtwide. The district welcomes any feedback.

NNS attendance policy - looking at our current attendance policy. If students arrive after 9:00 and before 10:55 they are only marked tardy. In addition if they leave after 1:55 an absence is not recorded. The district has formed a committee to create a district consistent protocol for attendances and tardies.

Tammy motioned to adjourn. Travis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:07  
Next meeting April 6th. Joint meeting with NMHS