

## **NNS/NMHS Joint Site Council Minutes – February 16, 2016**

Brought to order @ 6:00 by President Karen Pala

Present:

NNS-Tammy Berdahl, Koleen Wittmer, Sasha Fallan, Karen Pala, Brian Lytke, Adrienne Bostic, Margaret Gilman

NMHS- Anna Wittman, Jesse Bjorkman, Janell Grenier, Dan Carstens

Approval of Agenda: Sasha approved, Tammy seconded

Public Comment: none

Principal's Report:

NMHS - Dan Carstens

Staffing and Budget for next year. Headed to Juneau on Thursday to speak with legislators to make sure voices are heard. Passed out a survey during parent teacher conferences to help prepare and share at the meeting. Declining enrollment (about 30 students for next year) will result in staff reduction of 4.

NNS - Margaret Gilman

Partnerships between NMHS and NNS, football team PBIS celebrations, drama team came down to prep our students forensics groups, Triumvirate Theater fieldtrips next week, NMHS band and choir to present to the elementary school, students come down to help Pre-K, lunch, library two days a week.

Course I taken by 13 5th grade students to prepare for Algebra I in 8th grade

Enrollment 383, projected for 377 due to this, currently not looking to lose staff. Title I program is in danger of being cut.

Monthly grandparent support group at NNS

Planting a NNS garden

Teacher Reports

NMHS

Anna reported for the high school. Lots of sports: basketball, ski team. Upward bound : UAF and Jake Doth, good opportunities for students. Very positive.

Jesse reported for the middle school. Weekly team meetings celebrating student successes. Volleyball and wrestling - success. Classrooms are going well.

NNS

Primary Report: Karen Pala- Going well. DAT day was great. Parent Teacher conferences went well. One School One Book is going well.

Intermediate Report: 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Science Fair and Science night - huge success, GeoBee, Spelling Bee - school bee on Friday, Forensics - district meet on February 28th, 3/4 Battle of the Books and 5/6 Battle of the Books did well and enjoyed it, Baker and Barrows field trip to Sport Lake for ice fishing, Wax Museum

Nikiski Community Club supported. Alaska L&G and PTA contributed as well.

Support staff report - Mr. Brian shared the letter for student council. New member - Barb.

Parent Reports:

NMHS - Janell reports all is well

NNS - Sasha reports "Key communicators" event was positive. Wants to educate self to help make better decisions about budgets. Dan brought survey to the NNS PTA meeting. Good resources.

Jesse asked if she came away with a message to share from the meeting? Sasha responded, That is not how I would word it. It was educational. Discussed forward funding. People's message would be to educate and be a voice. Janell added that they really wanted Positive stories that are happening in our schools.

Community Reports:

New Business

Next Meeting

NMHS

NNS - April 11, 2016