

Nikiski Site Council Minutes

September 19, 2016

Called to order at 3:50 by Karen Pala

Introduction of Members

- Sasha Fallon (absent), Karen Pala, Colleen (Buffy) Whitmer, Tanya Erwin, Brian Lyke, Travis Moore.
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- We have an opening for a community member on the Council. Buffy will find one.

Teachers Report

- Primary-All grades starting out well. Benchmark testing is finished and groups are placed. Kindergarten teachers reported they like the ½ days to start the year. PreK is full.
- Intermediate-Mrs. Bostic's class went to the Senior Center for a flag dedication. The 3rd grade is going to the NWR, Food Bank, Triumvirate Theater to view the mural and to the playground on Wednesday, the 21st, weather permitting. Note: Permission slips are due to the teacher and to the office one day prior to the field trip.

Classified Report-We have some new teachers and it seems that everything is clicking along nicely.

Parent Report-Carnival is coming up and there is a need for many volunteers.

Principal's Report

- Enrollment currently stands at 382 students, which is 2 students over the projected enrollment. Districtwide, enrollment is down 75 students, mainly at the middle and high schools.
- Jog-A-Thon May 2016-almost 100% student participation. \$6500 raised. Students, staff, and parents liked it very much.
- Garden Committee-produce was harvested the other day. Seniors at the Senior Center will use the produce to make a soup for students.
- School Goals
 - Math is continued. Our scores are above district and state scores, but it's an area we'd like to improve. Some ideas to support this goal: A math log as part of the homework, similar to a reading log. This includes but is not limited to flash cards, Reflex Math, Khan Academy, IXL. Family Math Night could be scheduled, modeled after the Science and Reading Nights. We may look to schedule in November.
 - Social and Emotional Engagement. Again, we exceed district and state levels in surveys of students, but we will strive for higher engagement. We are a PBIS school and implemented Tier 2 last year. A suggestion was made that perhaps an agency like Nakenu could teach coping strategies in the classroom. With the changes in our school's schedule, teachers escort their students to and from Specials, Recess and Lunch. That has created a more pleasant environment. Also, phone calls are made to chronic tardy/absence families.

New Business

- Review of EoY Reports for 2016-2017
 - Attendance averages out at 92.4-92.6 so that remains basically unchanged.
- Site Council Goals SY 1617
 - Raise level of engagement in the budgetary process at the district and state level
 - Increase communication with NNS families about who the representatives are, what the site council is and how they can utilize it.
 - Raise engagement of students in the decision-making process
 - Note: There is a survey on the district and NNS website that we need to encourage families to fill out regarding the budgetary process.
- NNS Budget for 2016-2017
 - Mrs. Gilman directed our attention to the General Account Balance as of 9.12.16 and explained what the different line items entailed.
- No Title I Powerpoint

Next Site Council Meeting is October 10.

Tanya motioned to end the meeting and Brian seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.