

Nikiski Site Council Minutes

February 20, 2017

Called to order at 3:48 by Karen Pala

- Roll Call-Karen Pala, Tanya Erwin, Margaret Gilman, Sean Dusek, John O'Brien, Dave Jones, Brianna Redfern, Sarah Segura, Misty Peterkin, Nikki Stein

Approval of Agenda: Tanya approved, Karen seconded

Teachers Report

Primary-Conferences went well

- Kindergarten-Author's Study on Eric Carl. Tooth study. Working on Addition/Subtraction
- 1st Grade-Persuasive Writing. Wrote about presidents. Place value in math
- 2nd Grade-salt dough landforms, using song to increase reading fluency

Intermediate-

- 3rd grade we are pleased with progress on multiplication/division using the Reflex Math program. Conferences went very well. Finished Battle of the Books-both 3rd/4th and the 5th grade teams had a good showing, Forensics & Science Fair are finished. We are starting to get information about testing.
- 4th grade just did the fish dissection last week with fish and game and next week we will be going ice fishing. This is all in part of the salmon in the classroom project. We are also working with the director of 4H in Kenai to help us design a program that enables students to plan out an outdoor classroom in the land behind the school. We will be working on this project in the spring. Their plan would then be the basis to ask for grant funding in the future. This is the new avenue we are looking into after fish and game funding ran out last year.
- 5th grade-Wax Museum The 5th grade and Mrs. Bostic's 3/4/5 are gearing up for our school's annual Wax Museum...This year, approximately 70 students will be doing research of famous Americans throughout history and today....
- Each will write a 5 paragraph biography, create a poster, a one-minute speech as that person. Then on March 30th, all 70 will present themselves as that person, costume, speech and poster. The whole school will sign up for times to see the extraordinary presentations. This will be a whole day event.
- Students will celebrate the conclusion of this event with a Cast Party the next day, POT LUCK style! Please, if you have time, come visit us this day....
- News from Bostic's Multiage
- Going on a Snowshoeing field trip Friday Feb. 24th
- Science fair, GeoBee, Spelling Bee, and Forensics - huge success! and finished!
- Would like it to be part of site council notes that multiage classroom is going very well. Kids are happy, parents are happy, teacher is happy, data looks good...and we would all really like to keep it going next year. I understand budget is at the core of that decision, but the greatest benefits of multiage come in years two and three and beyond.

Classified Report-no report

Parent Report-no report

Public Report-Mrs. Peterkin

Principal's Report

- Enrollment 402 students including Pre-K
- NAEP testing Thursday, March 2. NAEP sends people to administer tests to 4th graders
- AIMSweb-overall Math is doing well. It is the focus of many grades' Shining Stars Block
- Student Engagement-One School, One Book, Science Fair, Forensics, Battle of the Books, Writer's Workshop as suggested by a student will be gearing up soon.
- 90% parents came to conferences, which were reported to be very positive. Mrs. Gilman calls home to touch base with parents who did not attend.

New Business

- Key Communicators-no report
- Sean Dusek discussed the NNS Site Council budget recommendations that had been forwarded to the school board at their January meeting.

Next Site Council Meeting is March 20.

Karen motioned to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Tanya seconded

Submitted by Tanya Erwin, Site Council Secretary