



Nikiski North Star Elementary

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Joint site council Minutes November 10, 2014

Attendance: Dan Carstens, Anna Witman, Chrystal Leighton, Margaret Gilman, Tammy Berdahl, Travis Moore, Karen Pala, Adrienne Bostic, Janell Griener

3:50 called to order by president Karen Pala

Approval of Agenda - moved by Tammy, second by Travis

Public comment - none

Principals Report

NMHS: Dan Carstens -

- Athletic floor to be installed in the commons through a \$50,000 grant. Will be installed after the bid process is completed. Dividers were purchased for the area as well. The area is used for basketball games, gym class, practices, etc.
- Evaluations and SGM are in full swing for the 2014-2015 school year. Dan is using SGM (School Growth Map) for Reading and Math using EdPerformance Fall, Winter, and Spring testing data in his evaluation process.
- Bulldog block - teachers are picking their kids chosen in a PLC group. Making it a competition to make bulldog block more productive and to build relationships. More buy-in from students.
- PLC groups: Mission statement, data, mentoring, future of DI

NNS: Margaret Gilman -

- 371 student enrollment
- Working with NMHS and NNS together: NMHS football team for PBiS celebration, National Anti-Bullying day brought over by Joe Rizzo, NNS fieldtrip to the theater presented by NMHS drama club
- KUD's in every newsletter, in math, in every classroom
- Standards referenced report card K-5, PowerSchool philosophy change to encourage parent/teacher communication by teacher updates a minimum of once a week.
- FASD - Deb Evanson - Statewide expert shared statistics and strategies during our early release day.
- Eight teachers on TEP - SGM on math, Boys Engagement Writing, Conflict Resolution tied to instructional minutes.
- Elementary school start and end time - propose 8:30-3:00 in order to gain instructional time in the morning, increase potential of scheduled appointments not interfering with attendance rating, more in sync with NMHS,
 - NMHS input: if it works out with buses sounds like a good idea
 - Question: Do elementary schools share buses with other schools?
 - Question: How is Boys and Girls Club affected?

Teacher Reports

NMHS

Anna Witman - Volleyball made it to state. Tournament in anchorage. Wrestling started. Cross-country skiing . Good attendance at Parent-Teacher conferences. Bulldog block going well. Encouraging attendance at events. Community

service hours tied in. Anna was selected for blended learning conference and it goes hand in hand with DI. Question: Can it be modeled in elementary? Response: absolutely!

NNS

Karen Pala -

Primary - Great time going to play at theatre, Ranger Michelle came out, Kinder message - our classes are so big!, 2nd grade - rolling through math standards, jellyfish, Settlemyers class is learning sign language: weekly spelling words etc., good turn out for conferences. Early release presentation on FASD was very positively received, Title I first family night on Friday: Ice Cream sundae.

Adrienne Bostic -

SPED- Thanksgiving feast is coming up on November 25th. Rolling with new staff.

3rd- Rotating Science, Social Studies, and Art. Current art projects are paintings of state symbols that will be displayed in the school.

4th- working on informational/explanatory texts in ELA. Parent teacher conferences went well and math conferences were productive.

5th- math rotations are working well. Mrs. Bakers class and Ms. Cotroneo's class go on a walking fieldtrip to the lake each week. They have incorporated science, reading, and writing.

Classified Report - none

Parent Report

NMHS - Kristy Lathem

Students are 50/50 on the new Bulldog block

Middle school dance went very well!

NNS -

Janell Griener

Fall carnival went very well. Made about \$6,000

Hoping to do a science fair in January for 3rd ,4th, and 5th grade students Nikiski

Community Club will be helping fund this project. Still working out the details.

Math night - had about 7 parents. Modeled 2 lessons and discussed new math standards.

Community Council website - all things Nikiski in one place. Would the Rec center, NNS and

NMHS be

interested in being involved?

Travis Moore

Book Fair went well. Sold about \$4,600

Community Reports

Tammy Berdahl

Nikiski Basketball rec teams going. Getting great support and help from NMHS students.

Middle School dance coming up on November 21st

Community Hoop Shoot November 22nd

NNS Elks Hoop Shoot

Food Drive

New Business

None

Next meeting

NNS December 8th, 2014 3:45

NMHS January 13, 2015

Adjourned: 5:00