

Nikiski North Star Elementary School Site Council Meeting Minutes Monday, December 3, 2012

Council Members

Lisa Callahan	Karen Pala	Travis Moore	Brian Zinck
Sheri Yeager	Amy Stock	Tammy Berdahl	Deni Pennison

Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes Brian 1st, Amy 2nd

Public Comment (3 min. per person for a maximum public comment period of 30 min.)

Council Reports

- Teachers: Primary –2nd - Rescue dog “Lost in the woods” presentation, Using foss kits, for science playing engaging math games – Thank you PTA for adding supplies. 1st – Teachers attended district wide first grade collaboration with focus in math assessments and instructional strategies.
Intermediate- Jones- peer revision, Barns-power flower (write tools), Boyle – jigsaw maps of Alaska, Floyd- no desks using tables for movement, Matson –multiplication with base 10 blocks. Zinck – paper rockets (what makes rockets fly) astronomy lessons.
- Support Staff: parents helped Nurse Deni for whole school height, weight eyes and ears. Secretaries appreciate letter to school board to support nurse subs. Nurse Deni teaching hand washing skills.
- Parents: All parents happy
- Community: Craft Fair this weekend, basketball ending. 4-6 volleyball starting up in January
- Principal: Winter concert tomorrow night, ideas for grade 3-5 concert in spring. Discipline down this month. Local Food drive with student committee (in place of student council) students may deliver food locally. Christmas card and gifts for local senior citizens with classes delivering them and eating lunch with senior citizens.

Old Business

New Business

- Outdoor Classrooms – Wally Hufford: 3 projects- school yard habitat sign, nature trail, Outdoor classroom (log benches/amphitheater with partial covering). We will need to

raise the funds (local businesses, community). Kenai soil & conservation and KNWR will match funds. Committee with need to add community members.

- Student Attendance and Achievement: students who miss 15 or more absents are scoring lower on assessments. Phone calls, letters and meetings with parents to help improve attendance. More ideas? Target those children with low attendance rate with reward? Truancy Officer for our school/area request to school board? Split safety officer with truancy officer with the two Nikiski schools.
- Parent Involvement: science night in January, one book one school. What happened to Family Movie Night?
- Review of Site Council Bylaws: Council to stay within the parameters of the “Purpose Statement”. Site council parents have not been as involved in the interview process due to scheduling conflicts. Motion to approve Amy 1st Tammy 2nd all approve.

Motion to end meeting Tammy 1st Lisa 2nd 4:40

Announcements

Winter Concert – December 4

Teacher Inservice/Workday- December 21