Nikiski Site Council Minutes

September 19, 2016

Called to order at 3:49 by Karen Pala

* Roll Call-Guest Dan Castimore, Karen Pala, Brian Lyke, Tanya Erwin, Margaret Gilman, Kolleen Wittmer

Approval of Agenda: Brian Lyke, Kolleen Wittmer

Approval of Minutes: Colleen approved, Brian seconded

Teachers Report

* Primary-Nurse Jane visited to address appropriate clothing for winter. JA in a Day was well-received. Flashlight reading was much loved by students. Ranger Michelle visited Kindergarten classrooms to discuss spiders. In 1st grade, Officer Swangel visited and discussed how they can stay safe, Ranger Macy visited to discuss owls. 1st grade also finished an author study on Laura Joffe Numeroff last week and will be doing one on Gerald McDermott about folktales the week after Thanksgiving. In 2nd grade, Ranger Michelle visited to discuss bats. They just finished a unit on double digit subtraction with regrouping and are now onto place value. Second grade also went on a Rainforest walk in Science with videos and a tour guide, then wrote a travel blog about it.
* Intermediate-Intermediate Wing participated in JA in a Day, which was well-received.
* Classified Report-Thanksgiving Feast held today, which was wonderful. Students all decorated turkeys which was laminated to be used as their placemat. Everyone loved it! We discussed the possibility of having a Thanksgiving dinner for the whole school. Margaret will discuss it with the staff.
* Parent Report-Suggestion box as an avenue for parent communication, Kolleen will make and bring it in.
* Public Report-open seat therefore no report. Donna Peterson, Wally and Elizabeth Hufford, Rose Armstrong, Nikiski Rec Center employees and oil company representatives would be possibilities that Mrs. Gilman will contact people to fill this seat.

Principal’s Report

* Enrollment currently stands at 380 students with a turnover rate of 28%,
* Grandparent/FASD support group helps families that have children on the FASD spectrum. Meeting are held once a month. Margaret phones families to invite them.
* Margaret went to Mt. View to work with Carl on calibration, along with Christie Cotroneo. This is regarding Charlotte Danielson’s framework for teacher evaluation.
* Family Math Night last Tuesday. Turnout was low, about 20 people. Boys and Girls Club provided a nice meal.
* Day 1 of 21 Days of Kindness. Our school held a kick-off assembly on Friday. Classes have cans with strips of paper where people can write down when they saw someone being kind. This strips will become a chain that will be displayed around school.

New Business

* Review Site Council Recommendations made to KPBSD-Mr. Castimore stated that 80% of cost is labor. The 20% of remaining costs includes things like heat, etc. The easiest way to cut money is to increase PTR, which is expected to be increased 10-20%. A discussion followed about money regarding pools, 4-day workweeks, and sports.
* We will look at ideas and as a site council come back with 3 priorities
* Breakfast-Most children in eating breakfast have eaten at home. It also goes against the wellness plan in place. There is a new director at SNS so there will be changes.
* Strategic Plan Survey-please take survey which is on the school district’s website.

Next Site Council Meeting is January 23.

Karen motioned to end the meeting and Kolleen seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.