

NNS Site Council

September 18, 2017

Roll Call-Sean Dusek, Margaret Gilman, Kate Kendrick, Jodie Titus, Buffy Wittmer, Sasha Fallon, Robin Thye, Ellen Kenna

Election of Site Council Chairperson-Kate nominated and Buffy seconded, unanimous vote of yes. Sasha Fallon is our Chairperson. Thanks to Sasha for filling this position.

Approval of Agenda-Sasha

Approval of Previous Minutes-NA as this is the first meeting of the 17-18 school year

Teacher's Report

- Primary-Robin discussed DAT Day on Thursday
- Intermediate-Baker's 4th grade class is putting together the yearbook, tying it to academic standards. Mrs. Heath's class went to the Food Bank. Mrs. Bostic's class is beginning to collaborate with the Nikiski Senior Center. We are awaiting Reflex Math, which is a math program that easily personalizes. Ellen commented that she loves seeing the 5th graders helping the Kinders,

Classified Staff Member Report-classified staff member needed to fill this position

Parent's Report

- Claire's mom reported that she was disappointed that there was not a Resource teacher hired, but reported that her daughter is doing well and she is very happy about that.
- End-of-day procedure-Possible to tweak? There is a concern of all the parents clustered in the lobby, as a sub, it's not always clear where kids go at the end of the day. Possible use of 5th grade buddies so the same 5th grader takes the same Kinder to their end-of-day destination. Margaret will look at other options. This would be extremely helpful at the beginning of the year with the Kinders.

Public Report-Kate reported that she's impressed with communication from the school. She said that she thinks the school has started off well. Bloomz (app) is a good communication tool that some teachers use that parents seem to like.

Principal's Report-

- Electronic newsletters save about \$2200 a year. A hardcopy can be requested but that number is minimal.
- Enrollment 372 students. Projection is done on October 1 of every year. That's the number that decides everything for the next school year. There is a variance of about 10 kids, except for last year.
- Personalized Learning is a 3-year process to personalize learning in a phased approach. KPBSD has contracted with Education Elements for 3 years to help schools personalize learning of students. NNS is in wave 1. We are using technology to personalize as part of the Core 4.

During DAT day, we look at data, set goals and track progress. Student reflection is also an important part.

New Business-Superintendent Dusek

- Thanks to the school's leadership team. He appreciates the Council's effort.
- Strategic Plan is on the district's website. Personalized Learning-choice for students, trying to move to a problem-solving state of mind with a love for learning. Reason for contracting with EE is because they won't take teachers out of the classroom to train other teachers.
- Borough elections are upcoming. Please look at the candidates and that stance on funding for public schools. Superintendent for Dusek every \$1million funding equates to 10 teachers. District website -> Communications -> Communications Blog. Peggy Erkeneff will be starting to post the forums the candidates will be participating in as well as other pertinent information. The Mayor's Race will be important. Several seats up for election.
- Superintendent Dusek answered a question regarding the dividend. The money taken from the dividends is state money and likely went into the general fund. Superintendent Dusek can't say for certain if school districts have gotten money.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.