

Nanwalek Site Based Council  
Meeting Notes  
10/17/2016

**Opening @ 4:40**

**Roll Call**

Present

Pauline Demas  
Nancy Kleine  
Kevin Seville  
Eloise Huntsman  
Michelle Ash  
Edna Damian  
Kilann Tanape  
Glen Fraser  
Kara Fraser

Absent

Student Senior Reps (Terence, Pella, Carrie, or Julianna)

Public

Nancy Yeaton

**Reading of Mission Statement -**

**Approval of Minutes** – Unanimous

**District Budget Presentation / Activities**

- Viewing district presentation and Location Handout
- Opportunity to develop feedback
  - What can we cut?
  - How can we legally raise revenue?
  - What can the district do to help explain the problem to community?
- Multi-revenue fiscal plan encouraged by video (contact legislature to advocate).

Eloise:

Changing from propane to diesel?

Nancy:

Initial up front cost for that change is high. Was a plan in the past, but currently not moving forward.

Michelle:

Heating school with wood stove, like another rural school

**Discuss/Share Out**

Energy/Propane target? Diesel vs. Propane

Wood stove for energy

Turbines? High initial cost, but help with energy  
 Supplies/Materials (have parents foot part of the supply bill)  
 Seeking outside donations (of supplies, coffee, etc.)  
 Alternative fuel sources (outdoor wood-fuel boilers)  
 Solar Panels  
 Wind generator  
 School water filtration system (not shipping in water when problems)  
 How does furnace / boiler play into buildings on site (like teacher housing).  
     Can we turn off until October? No hot water  
 How will conversion to natural gas across the peninsula affect energy pricing?  
 Employees that fly into school... frequent flyer tickets  
 School used to have its own damn for water!  
 Cutting freight? Instead of 1/week on plane... Water taxi freight on barge or Makkos  
 Have itinerants communicate via link/skype (not travel)  
 Cutting on school supplies  
     Auditing paper/copier usage with teacher codes  
 Notice out to parents (accountability for materials)  
 Continue / expand sports fees?  
 Ordering from Save U More instead of catalog? Probably not as inexpensive as district catalogue  
 Some parents can't afford fees/supplies, but others can  
     Seeking donations for those that can't afford?  
 Greenhouse for fundraising  
     In Tyonek it is done via the village, but the project is in the school  
     How to get grant? Best done via community. Perhaps youth workers  
     We used to have school garden. Parents took care of during summer.

If you think of others in the next few days, please communicate them to Nancy and she will include them in the report.

### **Nancy Yeaton- Heritage Kits Update**

- Chugachmiut Heritage Preservation department
  - Heritage Kits
  - Sugt'stun Language
  - Educational resources
- Chugach Region spans 7 communities
  - Sperry coordinates working with the Language Teachers
- 17 Heritage Kits available to help infuse Sugpiaq history and heritage into K-12 curriculum
- Developing 10 new kits (plus the 5 just created)
- Not seeing the use of this resource here in Nanwalek. How to better this? Nancy Yeaton here to help
  - Past concern over losing pieces, what to be hands-off vs. hands-on
  - Transportation now covered, so not a concern
- New kits will hopefully not be so cumbersome (more friendly to teachers, transport, etc.)
- LEC (Local Education Coordinator) – Nancy Yeaton
  - Assist in classroom prep and co-instruction
  - Nancy WANTS to participate in class. Would love to help bring elders in
- Checking out the kits (Kit Agreement) & Returning (inventory, etc)

### **ConnectEd Grant Update**

- Apple Teacher Program now available
- Personalized Learning
- Don Henderson from Apple visiting to help archive digital work related to culture and language

### **District Goals** (viewing handout)

- Discussing and made suggestions:
  - Equity across sites
  - Culturally responsive

### **Sports Report** (Auggie)

- Auggie taking responsibility of coaching MS team from Jim Doering
- 3-day tournament this weekend (Thurs-Sat.)
- Special Sunday event (birthday celebration) - fundraiser
- First travel planned
  - Next Tuesday leave for CIA game (boys)
  - Wednesday Ninilchik (girls leave/join)
  - Thursday Niko
  - Friday Homer Middle School
  - Chris from Project Grad and Merlin Cordez doing clinic with kids before game at HMS
- Regional tournament in Ninilchik is the other planned travel, Nov. 18-19
- Expectations for students in program... participate in ALL fund raising events
- Halloween carnival also fund raising
- Getting a visiting team? Very tough.
- Alumni game?
- High school season starts 1 week after middle school

### **Principal's Report**

Assessment (state still doesn't have one chosen)

Good progress on school goals

Service project underway for most Jrs. and Srs.

Dates:

In-service this Friday, PT Conferences next week (Wed. night, Thursday)

Projection Discussion next meeting: Future class sizes. Possibility of re-configuring grade levels?

Equipment Grant Submitted. Will know soon.

### **Teacher's Report**

Kara:

Fish in classroom! Finishing quarter strong. Working on writing and a project. Year is flying!

Glen:

Quick share. In short, all is going well. Wish middle school kids would get their work in. In general, all is great.

Auggie:

Feeling the urgency that Mr. Fraser shared. Pressure to students (especially MS students) to improve grades for eligibility. Will continue this message at practice.

**Close @ 6:15**