

Home of the Eagles



# Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Minutes  
2/22/2016

## **Roll Call**

Pauline Demas  
Glen Fraser  
Kara Fraser  
Nancy Kleine  
Tommy Evans  
Kevin Seville  
Eloise Huntsman

## **Absent**

Priscilla Evans - Excused  
Larry Ukatish

## **Public**

Penny Bearden  
Noah Seville

## **Opening (4:15)**

**Reading of Mission Statement** (Kara Fraser)

**Approval of Minutes** (unanimous)

**Student Report** (student rep absent)

## **Coaches Report**

Good trip. Happy to make it home safely. We got to watch Kate Romanoff play with the Seldovia squad. Gave hope for a girls team next year (should have numbers). Played against a squad with 12 kids, so they were fresh and physical. Witnessed a former student of program officiate (John Romanoff)! Great to see. Boys wanted to stay stuck and play in the gym all week☺. Next trip Thursday evening to Nikolaevsk at Nikolaevsk. Friday down day. Saturday morning back to Nikolaevsk to play Wasilla Lake. Regions are March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Lacking funding for travel. Talked with tribal council. They may have found money (\$2,000) to help us continue to travel and compete. Re-thinking fundraisers this spring for next year's season. Always taken care of well when visiting Seldovia (thanks to folks at the Chapel).

## **Principal's Report**

- Homer News Article (in packet) about our new school board rep (John "Zen" Kelly)
  - His term up in October, others can run alongside him if he runs again
- Connect Ed Update
  - Apple's contracted photo/film crew visited
    - Working on product that will be posted to Apple website (in about a month?)
  - SRI research group
    - Nanwalek chosen to be a case study (we are 1 of 11 out of a total 114).

- Likely visiting April 18<sup>th</sup> (two people)
  - Want to see lesson plans, student work samples, student data, etc.
- School Board Update (video posted on KPBSDvideo's YouTube)
  - Became public information when shared at school board meeting
- Service Project
  - Emailed admin at Homer High about this. His response was shared:
 

A senior service project is required to graduate and walk at HHS. We require 30 hours and our current freshman will be required to earn 40 hours. I believe we had to get the superintendents approval to do this, but that was before my time. You can still graduate and get a KPBSD diploma, but you don't get a HHS diploma and can't walk at our graduation ceremony if you don't complete the service project.
  - Community Survey to get input?
    - What are our next steps?
      - Nancy & others drafting idea to bring to next site council to be tweaked for community publication/surveying
    - Discussion
- Attendance
  - Lots of recent illness and absenteeism
  - Charts of year (in packet)
  - 8 days of less challenge – have had success over last year
- “You are not alone” suicide prevention program this Friday
  - Do we want the associated press coming in a cover this session? (no)
- Connect Ed Showcase upcoming in April
- Sea Week
  - Mon-Wed May 9 - 11
    - Mask Making w/ Drew Michael
    - Coastal Studies
  - Thurs-Fri May 12 - 13
    - Community events: Auggie, Mister, and Vivian said they would help coordinate events
- Graduation – 3 seniors, 7 eighth graders
- Testing upcoming – April 4 - 15
  - Kara our coordinator
- District Early Release days
  - What is purpose? Overview and request for input
  - This year, focus has been ipads and apple training
  - Site Council expressed support for these early release days to continue
- Safety- Overview of required drill
  - Earthquake/Tsunami – once per year, we do twice
  - Fire Drills – once per month
  - Lockdown – once per semester, in ALICE format
  - ALICE training
    - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate
    - 3 of these exercises / discussions planned for February - April
- Homer News article (Sugt'stun focus) – Featured Sally Ash, gave highlight to language retention
- Chugachmiut hiring people to work in the school next year for Sugt'stun
  - Likely to work with Sally to support language as part of grant.
- Sports funding from district decrease?
  - \$20,000 cut in pupil activities in district per the preliminary budget. Not sure how it will affect Nanwalek.
- Bones/Ivory still working on these and what to do with them
  - May have to be “worked” before it can be sold
- KBBI News article about our school overcrowding released today
- Looking to repurpose space, especially shop for classroom

## Teacher Reports

Kara

- Hard time back since Christmas (behaviors and tired kids).
- Made some changes to classroom to respond to issues. (Focus: being respectful to others, minding our own business)
- Working on Q3 writing focus (argumentative writing)

Auggie

- Last hour study skills class has been utilized to help some students maintain eligibility.
- Last week, held study hall as a coach so that they could all participate (a lot of work and tutoring).

Glen

- Conference was great
- Polycom sessions with Soldotna Prep going great

Penny

- Lots of pans in the fire right now. Trying to make learning more relevant.
- Creating virtual tour of Nanwalek using Ipads.
- Relevant / local science fair project. Looking for supportive/community members to help these students be successful with the project

Tommy

- Everything going well. Behaviors after Christmas break were startling.

### **Project Grad (Jane Beck)**

- Can't believe we're almost at end of February!
- This year's focus (based on grant) Fostering Leadership Matriculation and Endurance
  - Phlight club (student asset development)
  - Exploration institute (transitioning from MS to HS)
    - Nanwalek had lunch sessions
  - Leadership Institute (AFN)- leadership, civic engagement, governance
  - NYO Winter Games leadership weekend (additional civic engagement focus)
  - Career Technical Institute (Seward, AVTECH, UAA preview day, Job Corp, etc.)
  - KPNYL 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade continuing (expanded out to 14 school!)
  - Weekend lock-ins (Bonnie twice a month, extend Phlight club messages)
  - Continued on site coaching
  - Kenny Daher post-secondary support for students (following kids after they graduate)
  - Spring Phlight Club (in Kenai this March)
  - Summer College Institute (planning for end of May and early June)
  - PM Evening Dorm Life (overnight students, independent living skills, healthy relationships, etc.)
  - Cultural Exchange Institute (next August). Varying tribes represented. Sharing traditions/customs
- Building internal capacity here at Project Grad / lifelong learning
  - Learning and the Brain conference (Jane, Eric, Kenny, and Glen)
    - Working on how to share that info with Nanwalek and Port Graham
    - Growth Mindsets will be a big focus in future
  - United National Tribal Youth conference! (Bonnie and Elizabeth attended)
  - Post-secondary transition conference
  - Other smaller more individualized/localized continued learning

Adjourned meeting at 5:50 PM