

Home of the Eagles



# Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Minutes  
3/21/2016

## **Roll Call**

Pauline Demas  
Tommy Evans  
Priscilla Evans  
Nancy Kleine  
Eloise Huntsman  
Kara Fraser  
Glen Fraser

## **Absent**

Larry Ukatish  
Michelle Ash (attended last part of meeting)  
Kevin Seville

## **Public**

Sperry Ash  
Rhoda Moonin  
Nancy Yeaton

**Opening** @(4:19)

**Reading of Mission Statement** (Priscilla Evans)

**Approval of Minutes** (from February 22) unanimous

**Student Report** (student rep absent)

## **Principal's Report**

- Connect Ed Update
  - Katie VanSluys (project manager) visited last week, and is very knowledgeable. Discussed many things, focused on how to continue / extend professional development?
    - Penny Bearden and Nancy Kleine going to Dallas May 12 - 15
    - Katie will return next year; will also try to provide some distance learning
      - Help paraprofessionals learn more about software for IEP students
  - Instructional staff doing great implementing iPads
  - Spring Celebration and Apple Showcase (April 18<sup>th</sup>, please all come!) 1pm-3pm.
    - Visitors coming from Tyonek and elsewhere.
    - SRI (research group studying Nanwalek and effects of iPad implementation)
- Attendance
  - Struggles with illnesses since January

- Not much improvement vs. last year
- Next year, instead of putting emphasis on attendance, put emphasis on how to get students to do work while they are gone.
- Spring Events Handout
  - Amendment: Basketball Banquet/Awards March 22 4-7
    - Basketball program growing, need to step up fund raising and paying of funds
    - Kenai Borough Landfill grant? Re-apply.
  - Overview of events (seen on handout)
  - Sea Week
    - Center For AK Coastal Studies
    - Drew Michaels – mask making
    - Auggie coordinating
      - Potluck and food preparation / safety cautions for sea mammals
      - Inform people not to bring old food (“please bring freshly cooked food prepared the day of our feast!”)
    - Environmental Presentation from Priscilla?
- Testing
  - AMP (4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> April)
  - Benchmark (first week of May)
- Staffing Updates
  - Shoshana Huntsman and Nadia Ukatish hired as SpEd aides!
- Service Project (review and finalize Draft) → Work Session
  - Handout explaining project
  - Not huge hours (16), not complex documentation.
  - Discussion
- Julie Cisco purchased conex for us. It’s outside! In process of how to put door on
  - Planning to move shop stuff into conex
  - Move Penny’s class into shop
  - Make Penny’s room a resource room
- Letter to Kenai Borough (Eloise Huntsman) about facility size and need for change.
  - Read / share a draft from local members
  - Discuss changes
  - Discussed who to send it to: borough (not district) is the one with authority/funds. CC to school board.

**Chugachmiut Presentation** (Nancy Yeaton, Sperry Ash, Rhoda Moonin)

What is the team doing to work with Sugst’stun in the community and school?

- Sperry hired as Regional Language Director/Coordinator for the region (paired with curriculum)
  - Project working with language curriculum here at our school and with communities around the state.
  - Packaged curriculum that teachers can rely on
    - Avoid teachers having to make it up as they go along
  - Hiring language teacher from each site (Sophia, here) to help strengthen language program
  - Great way to connect to cultural standards of the state to our daily learning
  - Creating handbook with rubrics to help make lessons culturally relevant and integrative
  - Suggest reviewing these standards and materials at an in service
  - Download free language app
- Rhoda (Regional Master Speaker) responsible for continuing to assess Sugst’stun teachers and ensure pronunciation is correct and making sure monthly reports are finished
  - Helping with making the workbooks

- Heritage kids
- Clarifying spelling and pronunciation
- Community meetings to introduce and explain the curriculum
- Nancy Yeaton (Local Education Coordinator) to help create curriculum for the schools to use
  - Heritage and Ancestry kit
  - Ten Heritage Kits developed in the past
  - Will be editing kits and making sure we are working with students and cultural standards as best we can
  - Will share a Prezi next meeting (what is a Heritage Kit and how will we use them)
  - How to streamline and improve these bulky kits (in some ways, digitize)
  - Contact (call) 2307 if you want help getting a Heritage Kits
  - Working on replacing / fixing missing components of kits
  - Hope to create an inter-organization committee to improve curriculum

### **Teacher Reports**

Kara

- Still struggling with tired kids and behaviors
- Nit picking / arguing / bickering with current group
- New project started (research project)
  - Keynote presentation on an animal they can see here in Nanwalek.
  - Tomorrow they will start researching

Glen

- Talked about things going well in classes. High School students are working on a research project that involves looking at careers. Literature and World History are moving along, have o prioritize until the end of the year. Middles School is progressing through their SFA books. They have increased homework, to keep up with the pace of what they need to cover this year. Wrapping up geography, and may have students do individual projects about continents.

Tommy

- SFA is a challenge. Still working in Math every day.
- Students at each other a lot this year! Sign of overcrowding.
- Share Connect Ed website and our featured students/staff

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM