

Home of the Eagles



# Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Notes

8/31/2015

## Roll Call

Pauline Demas  
Kara Fraser  
Glen Fraser  
Adele Kvasnikoff  
Nancy Kleine

## Absent

Auggie Seville  
Sperry Ash  
Eloise Huntsman

## Public

Mandy

Opening

Call to order 7:12

Reading of Mission Statement (Nancy)

Approval of Minutes (from May 17, 2015)

## Election of New Members & Procedures

- Auggie elected for support staff seat
- Kara and Glen volunteered for certified seats
- Michelle Ash, Pricilla Evans, and Kilann Tanape (election upcoming)
  - Our bylaws state that the parent Reps cannot be employees of the school. BUT we have a lot of parents that work at the school and they are involved parents.
  - Discussion
    - most express the importance of including non-employee parent members
    - Creation of addition seat for a parent who IS an employee discussed
  - Glen: Motion to amend the bylaws to allow for the creation of additional seat for a **parent who IS an employee**. Kara seconds.
- Resume discussion of voting for parent rep in upcoming election

- Any reason Ann / front desk cannot count these ballots? No
- Last year we opted to keep Pauline in her seat. We need to decide if we want to open to election, select, or keep if willing.
  - Is there a willingness of Pauline? (Yes)
  - Kara makes a motion that we retain Pauline in the Site Council. Adele seconds
- Student seat
  - Nancy recommendation: Larry Ukatish: Respectful, interested in language & culture.
  - Pauline agreed to make the invitation
- Title VII advisory committee member.
  - Gives input on Title VII priorities. Title VII are Native funds meant to boost academics and a portion focused on language and culture.
  - Fall and spring meeting
  - Sperry has currently withdrawn his name
  - Past members: Jeremy Cook, Sally Ash, Tom Evans, and others.
  - Nominees? Emilie Swenning, Nancy Yeaton., Nancy Radtke., Quana Brewster, Ephim Moonin, Mandy Wood, Tommy Evans, Rhoda Moonin
    - Committee invited Mandy Wood. She will decide by 9/3/15.

### Principal's Report

- ConnectED Student rollout on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. Tremendous and fun event. Apple folks were stuck for 2 days and they said it was great that it happened that way. Said all were very welcoming. Chief arranged seal dancing at community hall. Rollout went off without a hitch (only a few tiny glitches). Publicity is incredible. Principal is observing iPad being integrated into classrooms wonderfully in various ways and comfort levels. Nanwalek School is so lucky! Apple Sally will be back at the end of September for more training. April 21 will be a community celebration showcasing student accomplishments.
- Title IIA Federal Programs slideshow regarding Professional Development
- AMP Testing (Alaska Measures of Progress)
  - Don't have our scores from last year (new test, they need more time)
  - Kara our AMP testing coordinator
  - Scores come out in October
  - Because of new standards and new test, students may score differently
- School Development Goals (DRAFT!)
  - Goal 1: Attendance: Increasing number of students with 8 days or less absences
  - Goal 2: Reading related. Increase number of students in tier 1 (on grade level)
  - Goal 3: have 80% of students represented at designated school/community events
- Attendance Policy & Efforts
  - Please read to be aware of what we are doing
- Student device policy (staff too) going well – none allowed, drawers in office for storage
- Important dates (handout)
- School Events & Presentations review
  - Sea week improvements – 3 days academic/visiting artist or musician, 2 community days – Sally Ash, Ann Evans coordinate
- Staffing
  - Jim Doering working on scheduling and services
  - Resignation of Kirsten
  - Vivian hired as a temp for now
  - Jace custodian
  - New deaf interpreter – Namutebi Busby

**\*\*Big thanks to all the help with unloading the barge late at night\*\***

- Site Council Suggestions for the Equipment Grant
  - Humidifiers for classroom?
  - Appropriate classroom chairs?
  - Retractable bleachers for gym?
  
- Miscellaneous
  - School hours (15 minutes shorter this year, 9:00 – 3:45)
  - CTE (Career and Technical Education)
    - Construction Academy this year (October?) → Mr. Kleine
      - Storage shed for dry goods (kitchen) one idea
    - Keith Seville teaching culinary arts again this year. Going strong!

Adele: Questions about Julie Cisco's visit, moving forward with the tank farm, and moving forward with additional teacher housing.

- Tank farm funding may not be available
- Nancy will try to get a statement

Adele: Is our gym large enough for soccer? Can we do something for kids? Open gym for volleyball is for older kids (6<sup>th</sup> grade up).

- Interest among kids
- Could we do it a few evenings for kids?
- What training and insurance is needed?

#### Teacher Reports

- Kara: School year going well. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. 4 eagle days already! Way better than last year. Students enjoying Ipads and learning new things (airdropped pictures today). Have to stop and remember that they are BEGINNING year 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> graders and they've got a lot to learn.
- Glen:

Alexandrovsk Reprinting Discussion for Near Future – Nancy will follow up to get recent info

Project Grad - not available

#### Public Comments & Storytelling

- Alaska humanities forum. Grants come up about every month.

Meeting adjourned 8:37