

Home of the Eagles



Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Minutes
11/23/2015

Roll Call

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

Absent

Michelle Ash
Pricilla Evans
Larry Ukatish

Public

Penny Bearden

Opening @ 4:14

Call to Order

Reading of Mission Statement

– Kevin Seville

Approval of Minutes (from 11/2/2015)

Discussion / Clarifications

Kara: Under the attendance heading, it mentions talking to Sarah Evans about attendance project. Any progress?

Nancy: Talked with her boss, said she was already going above/beyond. Does encourage many and make contact, but her supervisor believed calling absent students daily would not happen.

Vote to approve: Unanimous

Coaches Report

- Middle School
 - Season close out with community games
 - Concessions sold to raise \$ for next season
 - Goal for next year is for MS b-ball to be able to attend regional tournament!

- HS Basketball
 - Starts Dec. 2nd
 - One school has canceled their season. Scrambling to adjust games / schedules
 - One tourney opportunity was lost (in December), but replaced by an opportunity in February
 - No games scheduled for early season.
 - Hope to make up the four games we had to cancel
 - Contact with other programs will continue to finish booking games for early season.
 - Likely no games played during our winter break.
 - Jan. 26th, first game of competition so far.
- Investigating financial support/allocation from district for our athletics programs
 - Since we are an off-road system school w/o a full gym, our team ALWAYS has to travel.
 - Should we receive additional funding to help with this burden?

Principal Report

- High School service project exercise
 - Kids required to find a mentor in the village (council, clinic, DOT, school, etc.).
 - Figure how many hours required. Students would log and get signed off by mentor for service project.
 - Benefits, disadvantages, concerns (sticky notes)

-Board Presentation

- Penny and Nancy in the process of finalizing the board presentation
- Will be presented in the gym at 2:00 on December 7
 - Open in gym via lync with student body there
 - Will talk to board about charter document being created by Nancy
 - Turned over to Penny to share the video she created
- Ideas discussed for recognition of Sunni Hilts and her service for us/departure
- 30 minute presentation

-Budget Discussion

- Tasked at admin meeting with bringing this up at every opportunity
- Our state budget is in tough times! Anything that can be done will help
 - Possible reduction of staff at sites across the district
- Reducing cost of freight a good idea
- Reducing itinerant travel (tighten up) will help

-Attendance Update

- Attendance “friendly competition” week
 - Kara’s class came in 1st! Great job in our week competition
 - Middle school came in 2nd!

Auggie: Are we still interested in an attendance committee? It’s more than once person can do.
- Nancy will bring up with staff
- Should I talk at council meeting? Maybe ask to be on the agenda or address them
 - Pricilla can hopefully get it on the agenda (2nd chief)

Kara: Most attendance issues come down to a select few families. How to give targeted help?
Pauline: Maybe with a little help / encouragement, I could work with some of those parents/my grandkids.

-School Events

- Thanksgiving feast on Wednesday
 - Choir debut
 - Ibook created for their songs
 - Have them sing after bulk of people have their food? Or open with singing?
 - Recommended opening.
 - 10 minutes
 - Discussion about serving food (elders, adults, kids)
- Opportunity for “cultural diplomacy through poetry”
 - If we choose an artist in residence, is this who we want? Or something visual?
 - Still looking for sea week artist
 - Kara suggests Drew Michael (mask carvings)
 - Site council in favor – Nancy will check on it

Sale of Display Items

- District investigating our options
- Tommy itemized and took pictures of them all
- Will update at next meeting

Miscellaneous

- School likely approved for a conex for storage of shop and other items
 - Hoping to help with space issues with increasing class sizes
 - Julie Cisco working on that
- Generally things are going well. It seems EVERYONE needs a break
 - Fall has been wonderfully successful and we’ve all worked really hard!
 - ConnectEd ipad integration going wonderfully. Video for board presentation is a living document of how we are using these devices in the classroom.

Teacher Reports

Kara

- Did a lot of science today!
- Started with writing, and students were shocked. Penny stopped in and contributed
- Working on ibooks about ourselves
- Informative writing / process papers (happy with what they’ve been able to do independently)

Penny

- Using numbers app in science/math often. Kids getting very good at creating spreadsheets and drawing conclusions
 - Thanksgiving calories today was fun and interesting
- Deeper thinking involved now, benefitting from our block scheduling (longer classes have helped)

Tommy

- Kids are great and they are teaching me about ipads
- Government kids are diligent and cruising through the books. Keeping ahead of me.
- Second half should be more engaging / interested
- Loving working in math

Auggie

- Some of the students I work with in Study Skills has been a challenge. Helping them with their constant challenges in their classes.
- Using ipad to get student assignments and to keep them continually working on their challenging coursework

Glen

Project Grad

Eric couldn't make it because of weather.

Public Comments & Storytelling

NEXT MEETING

December 28

Adjourned meeting at 5:45