

Home of the Eagles



Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Nanwalek Site Council Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2017

Roll Call

Present:

Penny Bearden
Nancy Kleine
Edna Damian
Michelle Ash
Pauline Demas
Kevin Seville
Kilann Tanape
Teri Gentry
Eloise Huntsman

Absent:

Verina Ukatish

Public

Nancy Yeaton
Eric Knutson
Joann Jackinsky

Reading of the School Mission & Vision & ConnectED Vision (Edna)

Approval of Minutes from 4/17/2017

Welcome & KPBSD Strategic Plan – Mr. Dusek, KPBSD Superintendent (by Skype)

- Sept. 12th visit. Wanted to update us on Strategic Plan – Meeting the needs of our students (personalized learning).

- Make relationships with students / rigorous and relevant curriculum
- Personalized learning is not just the newest program; More do-able with technology and community involvement.
- 3 R's – Rigorous, Relevant, Responsive
- Appreciative of all that Nanwalek has done in this area, mentioned culture focus which provides relevance for students

Principal's Report – Nancy Kleine – first meeting agenda started as simple and social, but there were lots of important things to share:

- Grant Updates:
 - ConnectED – still going strong. Apple people coming to Nanwalek Oct. 23rd / staying for most of week. Community and Cultural Videos / New teachers are tackling Apple Teacher / Putting together an ebook that tells the Nanwalek ConnectED story, using Kinder videos, Science Fair, other products from teachers and students
 - Zero Marine Debris – Henry from Center for Alaska Coastal Studies to come on Friday, information to students about marine debris and helping with coastal clean-up. Public is welcome.
 - Chugachmiut Language – Sally Ash is in Russia / will be Skyping in with us. Nancy will also Skype with Principals. Nanwalek Heritage Preservation group, Nancy Yeaton will help us with heritage kits. Providing Sugt'stun instruction to Port Graham.
- Small School's Conference – at Land's End. Presenters included: Myron Duek, author of *Grading Smarter Not Harder* / getting kids to take ownership and track themselves and have meaningful grading. Dave Burgess, author of *Teach Like a Pirate* / very energetic and finding ways that connect with students. Nancy wants EVERY kid to know that they are cared for, "claimed."
- School Events & Important Dates 2017-18
- Introduction of new teachers / Mr. Beck, Ms. Jackinsky, Ms. Davis. Need applications for custodian.
 - Back to school picnic during school, Wednesday 8/30 12:00 – 1:30
 - Sept. 20th School photos
- Personalized Learning/ Nanwalek School/Discovery Phase/ Wave 3 with Educational Elements
- School Development Goals
 - Personalized Learning Goal
 - Reading Goal
 - Continue ConnectEd and get our story written
- Other school projects –
 - Hydroponic gardening with bucket tower. Have heard that parents think it is important, can grow 14 lettuce heads a week!
 - Free lunches for ALL students; adults still pay

- New fire alarm that works!
- School Expansion –
 - We are at the top of the list for expansion, with a proposed 980 square foot portable.
 - District takes request to borough, borough takes request to the State.
 - State funds are scarce currently
 - Timeline for expansion is unknown

Support Staff Report (Kevin Seville)

- Experiencing some transitions – search for custodian, we lost an aide position. Number of aides in classes are strong, one per class.
- Feels needed and useful – especially with new teachers.
- Union Presidents will visit school this week
- Hoping new teachers will want to coach sports
- 2 trips for middle school over P/T conference week
- High school schedule already together. Have opportunities to stay with local people in Kodiak. Great cultural opportunity

Teacher Reports –

- Teri Gentry – 5th and 6th grade is going really well. Kids are excited. Kids are teaching about the iPads through a SWAT team (Specialized Work at Technology) Have opportunities to Skype with one student in Canada and one student in Russia.
- Penny Bearden – taking time to let students create goals, track progress, and be reflective. Lots of projects going on with students.
- Joann Jackinsky – Some curriculums are new for her. Good to work with kids.
- Edna – Smooth first week. We are such a good team. Good work environment with friends.
- Kevin – Didn't know how he would feel about coming after mother's passing, but the kids have brought him energy and is making everything more bearable. Get to see their growth
- Kilann – Spoke to Head Start grants, by end of December there should be 15 kids. Older kids get 6 hours of instruction. Tomorrow will be 12 students. New grading system is electronic and lesson plans are turned in on the computer. Looking forward to another great year. New head-start facility. Supposed to be 3,000 Sq. feet, but not sure where.

Chugachmiut Preservation - Nancy Yeaton

- Shared information about the kits. 17 available now. Intensive kits.
- Kevin Seville suggested kits be set up in the museum for student use on a rotating basis, as there is an issue with the contract required for district to sign

Project Grad

- Summer college institute – 2 students from here went / students are exposed to college experience.
- Small school conference – brought leading educators in to help with small / rural schools.
- PHLIGHT Club – students come together. It was held at Chapman.
- 2 Grants that fund Project GRAD, the larger one is up this year. The smaller one and should hear within a month if it is approved.
- Short on staffing for family / community support
- One Nanwalek student is at AVTEC studying Plumbing and Heating.

Site Council News

- Two parent seats (A and C) will have elections.
- Student report next time / Verina Ukatish
- New dates will be sent soon; meeting quarterly

Public Comments & Storytelling

- Nancy Yeaton told story of student understanding fish behaviors when they were fishing at the Yum Yum tree; great combination of academic & cultural learning
- **Adjournment @ 6:02 PM**