

Nanwalek Site Council Minutes
November 21, 2016

Opening @ 4:35

Roll Call

Present

Kara Fraser
Nancy Kleine
Glen Fraser
Edna Damian
Kilann Tanape
Eloise Huntsman

Via Phone

Jane Beck
Bonnie Pierce

Absent

Pauline Demas
Kevin Seville
Michelle Ash
Student Rep (seniors Terence, Pella, Julianna)

Reading of Mission Statement (Kara)

Approval of Minutes (unanimous)

Connect Ed Grant Update

- In our 2nd of 3 years in ConnectED program
- Last year, 17 days of professional development with Sally Eberhart
- This year, Don Henderson is one of our supports – visited on November 7-8
- Signing teachers up as Apple teachers and met with them individually
 - Sally supported with preservation of culture / language
 - Lesson in Kara's class (garage band)
 - Glen's class and using Notes app to go paperless via PDF document editing
- Leadership academy this Feb. (Nancy/Penny had to cancel last year due to weather)
 - 3 teachers will be invited (one will be Devin from Port Graham, our professional development liaison for both school).
- Connect Ed alive and well. Integrated and imbedded in daily learning
- Planning spring showcase again

Federal Programs Highlight – Title VI; Title 1D

Watched on smartboard / discussed

Student Report (skipped / absent)

Support Personnel Report (skipped / absent)

Sports Report (skipped / absent)

Principal's Report

Community Service Initiative Update

- School added as an opportunity
- Weekly airport clean-up - added to list
- September session to help students develop service opportunity ideas
 - Fell off when students took paperwork home to discuss with family and return
- Re-visited and shared out. Students without a project were helped to figure it out. All but one student has a project!
- Paperwork has been the trickiest part, but not necessarily the most important
 - Most important that students sink their teeth into their service projects, which is happening for many
- Students are encouraged to have one basic / central project, but they can also serve hours outside of that main project
- KPNYL students also serve hours. How to streamline the hours served there to go towards their graduation project?
- Google Doc of projects. Check-ins documented and hours documented there.

Projection Discussion

Process of transition due to class sizes, etc.

Discussion: With current grade configuration, MS would have 29 students next year. Discussed options for breaking up that group to keep the same configuration (lack staffing for that) and options for re-configuring. Agreed to all think on it and re-discuss in December.

Art Update

Debbie Harris visit (thanks to Kara for scheduling)

Returning Feb. March and April (sea week)

**NYO team gone in April during Sea Week

Bonnie and Nancy working on mural on side of conex. Discussion mode.

School Events

Thanksgiving feast Wednesday @ 12:30

Mini-assembly recognition and thanks to Middle School team and those who supported
Girls won 2nd and boys won sportsmanship award!

Christmas program – Thursday 29th of December @ 1:00pm

Thursday 30th – Awards ceremony @ 1:00pm

Rec Room Lessons share / discuss (reproductive health)

Want to come in April (middle school and high school for part of it)

Parents could opt their students out of this activity

Letter would go out 2 weeks prior for awareness

Concern about condom demonstration

Suggestion: Developing a peer group for these topics (especially after health class)

Equipment Grant Awards

- Floor machine
- Vacuum
- Blinds
- Powered Lectern
- Furnishings for new classroom
- Teacher desks
- Cupboards/book cases (for new classroom)

Teacher Reports

Kara

By Halloween things are finally going well. Negative behaviors down. Several weeks of reading and math flowing now. Happy for us to have finally hit our stride! Still working on behaviors for several students. Enjoyed art with Debbie Harris. Catching on quickly.

Glen

“Things are going great.”

HS LA reading The Pearl. Loving it.

Middle School is reading in three groups. One is reading Number the Stars, another Phineas Gage.

In HS Health, students are learning a lot – refusal skills, talking about intimacy, family, abstinence. It is a challenging class for students who come in late.

In Geography, students are exploring the European Continent, and then will move further east.

Project Grad Report

Jane

Fall leadership trainings (KPNYL / Youth Leadership)

- Trip to anchorage

- Trip to Homer

Coaches focused on ACT engage assessments. Now able to focus on intentional conversations with individuals and the behaviors they have (keeping it strength based). Also looking at attendance, grades, etc. Talking with them about goals, wishes, outcomes, and obstacles. How to use strengths to realize goals (based on specific data and information students have supplied).

Bonnie

Life Leadership Skills (students/family support)

Last year's cultural exchange institute. How to get students to look at what they're doing for leadership through the lens of their culture and other cultures. Linking it to their life and their goals

This year, teach youth about what community service projects really mean. Invited UNITY. Training in different settings. Teams set up with a specific challenge and will incorporate their strength-based community project.

Incorporate community service during winter Native Olympic Games?

Career Institute

Juneau – midyear UNITY conference

California trip. Leaders will teach service learning?

Still focused on grant goals: increasing graduation rates and decreasing dropout

Youth challenge. Where are they at in this process?

6 students on the team (of 22) are taking the lead on the community service project
Masks, power pole, etc. art project to teach community service to others.
Educate through art this year. Implement service project next year.

Next Meeting – December 19

Adjourned at 6:05 PM