

Site Council Minutes
February 28, 2017

Roll Call

Present:

Kara Fraser
Nancy Kleine
Glen Fraser
Edna Damian
Kilann Tanape
Kevin Seville
Pauline Demas

Absent:

Michelle Ash

Public:

Reading Mission (Kilann)

Approval of Minutes (Dec. 19, 2016)

- Nancy comments on fundraising discussion from previous minutes. School store success (making money and developing students' skills).

Connect Ed Grant (Nancy update)

- Dallas trip very valuable!
- Sally received a lot of engagement from others
 - Book creator app
 - Perhaps to replace iBook author
 - People interested in Nanwalek, her story, language
- Penny presented on panel and spoke for Nanwalek in regards to community engagement
- Nancy interviewed upon arrival. How building involvement at our site is excellent.
- Conference was very interconnected and connected with our goals
- Apple wants us to put together a book
- We are in second year of a three year grant. Want to keep things moving forward.
- Don Henson visiting next week.
 - Interview skills with secondary students
 - Videos with ipads (including special equipment)
 - Penny working with high school students (first hour Art class) on what the students want to focus on.
- Sarah Petersen coming in May to work with staff on iBooks author
- Sea Week. Katie will be coming to work with teachers and students to help us capture what we do during this celebration.
- Port Graham also getting involved, very fortunate they are joining the fold (while not a ConnectED school).

- Connections being built between the community and others (future language conference).

District Strategic Plan Review & Feedback (included Port Graham's as well)

- Simplicity was appealing to all members – liked the whole thing on one page
- Consensus on WHAT the guiding principles was that they agree these are very important
- A lot of discussion with Port Graham about the futures students can shape (mission).....felt it needed definition, or left to imagination, the mission statement could embrace negative futures (suggestions included putting a word at the end – “selectively,” “constructively,” “positively,” or extending it with “as lifelong learners.”)
- For the villages, everyone appreciated the “Ready for Life” section, but would like a “vocational” section (Port Graham); need more life skill focus – civic duties, etc. (Nanwalek)
- A LOT of negative feedback about the word “guarantees” in the guiding principal -- all groups brought this up as a word that is too strong, too gutsy. “A diploma doesn’t guarantee anything.”
- Layout was examined – someone pointed out that some sections have complete sentences, other sections have fragments -- they thought it should be consistent (Port Graham)
- There were vocabulary issues – people in our crowd did not understand “experiential,” asked, “What is competency based model?”
- Suggested “multiple measures to **assess** student growth” instead of “multiple measure to measure student growth” (Port Graham)
- Finally, when “opportunities....for healthy choices” was discussed in Nanwalek, I was asked by site council members to again mention that Nanwalek requests a full-size gym to achieve this

Support Personnel Report (& Sports)

- New aid position filled and Title VI position filled
- Site getting more hands to help! Huge plus
- Kids travel to Homer for regional tournament
- First game against 1 seed regional champs
- Even if eliminated early, our team will stay and fulfill obligation to help around the tournament as volunteers with cleaning, jobs, etc.
- Program is currently “young”.
- Hoping everyone stays healthy and comes to play!
- Future discussion about banquet for program.
- Talked with Kodiak AP for opportunity to go into smaller/village schools on marine highway to play games in those gyms. Giving opportunities for parents to see their kids play.

Principal's Report

Community Service Initiative Update

- Worked through data (shared via handout)
- Pleased with progress. 4/16 completed all hours needed for diploma. One of them is even a freshman
- Sometimes students are afraid to go out and do something on their own, but they are fine when they have the support of an adult. Perhaps lacking the confidence.
- Perhaps working in student partnerships could help next year
- Most have done service hours as needed, not in a specific project.
- Has morphed quickly. Started structured, but have relaxed on several areas.
- Feedback

- Auggie: Future opportunities of mentorship. Like taking a student to show how certain events are coordinated (like Sea Week or Field Day)
- Kilann: Encourage partnerships outside of their closest friends.
- Nancy: 3-4 on Mondays would be a great time for students to get hours.
- Glen: Consider having part of the hours be specific to their plans and the other portion of hours coming from the “random” / “as needed” service opportunities.

School Events

- Attendance Ceremony
- Science Fair – April 3
- Sea Week
 - Sea life center
 - Coastal studies
 - Debbie Harris (art)
 - Gwendolyn Chatfield – Sea Chanteys/Dance
 - Apple
 - Community events / feast
 - Etc.
 - Funding from state art grant and rollover funds. High value for minimal dollars!
- NYO (some sea week overlap)
- Prom, see Teri Gentry if you want to help
- Field Day (Mr. Reinseth and Mr. Doering)
- Senior Breakfast
- Graduation

Staffing

- Sarah Evans hired as SpEd aide. Huge help in coverage of people, places, and minutes. Primarily in secondary groups, but very helpful in covering other shortages.
- Tania Romanoff hired as Title VI.
- Overall, staff has been reliable, showing up on time and regularly.

Configuration

- Reaction from parents has been positive.
- Class numbers will be more manageable and balanced
- Will know in the coming weeks which teachers are returning, resigning, moving, etc.

Testing

- Starts week of March 28
- 3rd – 10th grade
- Math, LA (two parts each)
- Can use iPads!
- 4, 8, 10 grades also take Science test
- New test and state is still working stuff out
- Canceled last year (internet cable severed at server location)

Teacher Reports

Kara

- Going well.
- Books received through native organization in Anchorage (tribal consortium). All about native foods and healthy eating. Classroom feast at end.
- Month of March reading activities, logs, celebrations, prizes.
 - Flyers going out in mail with explanations. See for details.

Glen

- Secondary classes are going pretty well
- Proud of high school students; they are evolving as thinkers
- In a documentary today, student questions were insightful
- They are engaging and thinking
- Middle School is still tough – some grow and expand, many are passengers. They turn off if the activities are not fun.
- Trying to build in more relevance

Project Grade Report (none this month)

General Sharing / Storytelling

Adjournment