

Home of the Eagles



Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Minutes
April 17, 2017

Roll Call

Present

Pauline Demas
Edna Damian
Glen Fraser
Nancy Kleine
Kevine Seville
Michelle Ash
Eloise Huntsman

Absent

Kara Fraser
Kilann Tanape

Public

Eric Knudtson (Project Grad)

Reading of Mission (Auggie)

Approval of Minutes (3/30/2017)

Building Discussion: Nanwalek School #2 on Capital Project List

- Homer High roof #1
- We are school with greatest over-capacity
- No identified funding, but we are on the list and can begin discussion
- Result of persistence over the years and support from program director (Tim Vlasak) and Planning Director (Julie Cisco)
- Ideas:
 - Portables
 - Separate building
 - 30x40
 - 1st floor instruction, 2nd floor teacher housing
 - Cannot add onto building without bringing it up to code
- Six year plan

- Feedback/discussion
 - Projection of future cohorts
 - Band-Aid vs quality solution
 - Victory in that our problem has been heard
 - Gym size concerns
 - Potential funding sources

Sports Report (nothing to report)

Support Personnel Report (nothing to report)

Principal Report

ConnectEd Grant Update

- Working on moving student videos and other projects onto a single hard drive to be archived as a digital library for the future.
- Don from Apple returning next week for Sea Week
- Discussing the transition for new teachers with Apple Technology with Apple Coach
- Set up meeting with local advisory committee
- Issues with students playing on ipads inappropriately. How to continue.
 - Possible temporary removal for a day to re-educate students on their contract

School Events

Sea Week – next week

- Handout
- Monday: Major cleanup. Jumpstart of digital scavenger hunt. NYO presentation of skills @ 2:30

Prom 5/6

- Hosted by Student Council and Terri Gentry

Graduation – 5/24

- Have met with seniors
- 4 weeks away
- Students have picked their commencement speaker, TBA.

Staffing

- Challenges with filling all these positions
- One hire confirmed, for secondary LA/Social Studies position
- Several offers for elementary teachers, two declined
- Additional offers pending or awaiting response
- Tania leaving, Sophia temporarily filling. Uncertain about next year for Title VI aide.

Budget / Legislature Information

- Email sent concerning issues. Encouraging to contact legislator.

Calendar Discussion

- Concern about vacation timing. Easter Holy Week vs. Bright Week
- Currently scheduled next year for Holy Week. Could potentially change. Requires submission to State and support from community
- Previously, Priest and site council had recommended Holy Week.
- Many community have expressed desire for a change

- Discussion/Input
 - Incremental change
 - Will request the change (spring break align with Bright week) for next year to district/state, as well as taking 3 days off the end of Holy Week; work 3 Saturdays as culture days (1 per first three quarters)

Teacher Report

- HS Finished Fahrenheit 451 before break. Will finish school through differentiated projects. Gained inspiration from Early Release book read Delivering the Promise. Students will choose standards to cover. Excited to try new stuff. MS will use a self-paced approach in language arts, learning with their own timing.

Project Grad

- Phlight club last month in Soldotna
 - Integrated youth development. Strength based. Help them explore their web of support and the adult anchors in their life (who can support their dreams/goals)
 - Twice a year
 - Some Nanwalek students not going because they didn't want to leave/fly
 - Tried a "blast" that we focused locally on some Friday/Saturdays
- Unity conference in California. Charlotte and Nadia attended.
- CloseUp in Juneau
- Career Vocational/Technical visits (AVTEC, KPC, etc.)
- May/June – Summer Institute (for 9th-12th more interested in college/university)
 - Many programs, classes, focuses, plus activities
 - Eligible for \$4,000 scholarship if you attend two years of SI
- Grant evaluator visiting soon
- ACT engage (2nd time this year). Survey of their ideas about education.
- Gear Up grant being submitted (every 3 years)
- Eric will continue to try and visit weekly. Lately been working with older students and some of their online courses.

Public Comments & Storytelling

- None