

Home of the Eagles



Nanwalek Elementary/High School

Site Council Minutes
9/6/2016

Roll Call

Pauline Demas
Nancy Kleine
Eloise Huntsman
Kara Fraser
Glen Fraser
Kevin Seville
Jane Beck (via telephone)

Absent

Tommy Evans
Priscilla Evans
Michelle Ash

Public

none

Opening @ 4:40

Reading of Mission Statement (Kara)

Approval of Minutes (from 4/18/2016) unanimous

Opening Nominations for Site Council 2016-17 School Year

Community Member Seat- Rotates annually (Pauline)
Parent seat A rotates on odd years (Michelle's position)
Parent seat B rotates on even years (open for nomination this year – 15-16: Eloise Huntsman)
Parent/Staff seat (Open for nomination – 15-16: Thomas Evans)
Teacher seat A and B (rotates annually – 15-16: Glen Fraser & Kara Fraser)
Support staff seat (rotates annually – 15-16: Kevin Seville)
Principal seat
Student Rep discussion 15-16: (Larry Ukatish – Discussed for this year: Juliana, Carrie, Pella, or Terence)

Mr. Fraser will talk with all seniors. Discuss pairing and rotating

Connect Ed Grant

- Second of three years that we will receive Apple support through ConnectED
- No planned travel to site from Apple team

- Monthly distance meetings continue with team
- Excited about merging opportunities
 - Connect Ed Grant
 - Native language grant
 - Creating digital histories, etc. How to enable global access?
- Penny and Nancy may go to Dallas in February (last year canceled due to weather)
- Use in classroom is growing and developing
- Port Graham on verge of rollout (but not via Connect Ed Grant)
- Implementing a learning management system (Canvas) to promote blended learning

Federal Programs Information & Video

- Delayed until updated

Principal's Report

Assessment

- Kara is again our test coordinator
- State has not decided on our big state-wide assessment, but it will be decided soon and is likely.
- Using benchmarks for data: fall, winter, spring
 - AIMSWEB K-10th
 - EdPerformance 6-8th

School Development Plan

- Overview of goals
 - Reading
 - Canvas
 - Service Learning Projects
 - Will be speaking w/ students and collaborating with Project Grad

Attendance Policy & Efforts

- Despite our many cartwheels and crazy efforts, our attendance has stayed the same over the last four years.
- Reality: Students in our village have to leave due to our rural location (and more)
- Encourage to plan for absence. Advance leave form. Communicating with teachers over distance. Making up the work when they return.
- Perfect attendance awards per quarter will remain. Other tiered, extrinsic rewards will not.
- Eagle day celebrations for some age groups working and will continue.
- Secondary vs. Primary student absences (and partial absences)
- Clarifying absence rules for student athletes
- Adjusting handbook for absences prior to travel

Important Dates

- Review calendar
- Joining separate dates for employee appreciation into a single week

Staffing

- Sho re-hired
- Request for 6th parapro submitted
- Sarah Peters, new School Psych
- Michelle Bird, new SLP
- Vlad long-term sub for Tommy Evans
- Tammy Kvasnikoff new Sugt'stun teacher through Chugachmiut
- Diane Riddick, deaf-Ed interpreter
- Nancy Radtke social service internship

New Classroom (shop)

- Huge respect to Penny for all the extra work to get that room mostly ready to go.
- Many people helped last spring to get it ready to launch

Equipment Grant

- Many changes over the years due to the grant (desks, chairs, tables, piano, etc.)
- Safety is the focus this year
- What do we need?
 - New vacuum?
 - New white board (dry erase) for Sally
 - Pea Gravel/gravel
 - Snow removal needs?
 - Plyometric Boxes / Medicine balls?

Teacher Report

Kara

- Calmest start of the school year
- Students working together well

Glen

- Having fun with high school group
- Students are giving more back
- Middle School group challenging
- Technology errors have derailed class some
- MS students have behaviors to learn for secondary school

Auggie

- Taking a reading group of MS students

Project Grad Report

- Fall gathering went wonderfully
- Academic coaches and student support staff
 - Individual conferences w/ students developing 6-year plans.
 - Strength based

- Personal responsibility
 - Eric has met with 9 individually
- 19 Project Grad scholars at Nanwalek!
 - Two summer institute, graduate in 4 years, eligible for Project Grad scholarships!
- Exploration institutes
 - Post-secondary pathways, etc
- CTE Courses this fall (10 Nanwalek students traveling to Seldovia)
 - Chaperoning and leadership
- Oct. Phlight Club (20th)
- Grant-writing upcoming! Very important.
- New hire (supporting Ninilchik)
- KPNYL (earn half an elective credit)
- Seven total institutes throughout the year!

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM