

Nanwalek Site Council Minutes
December 19, 2016

Roll Call

Present

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

Absent

Eloise Huntsman
Student Rep

Public

Reading of Mission (Kara)

Approval of Minutes

Connect Ed Grant Update

- Superintendent approved Nancy, Penny, Sally, and Devin traveling to Dallas!
- Longevity in mind
 - Not long ago since our internet upgrade and ipad 1:1
 - BUT, now used every day and is integral
- Apple Teacher program provides for all staff professional development
- Working on how to put in place systems and supports for incoming new teachers

Michelle: What is the lifespan of these devices? (Nancy will check)

Support Personnel Report (Auggie)

- Concern of students meeting the expectations
- How to change that mentality / mindset?
- If it's overwhelming, I hope they communicate when it's challenging
- They are capable of meeting the high expectations.
- Many have a hard time realizing that if they don't pass, they don't play (and they have to take credit recovery before they graduate)
- The consequences will be suffered, but they lack the foresight to prevent the bigger consequences.

Edna: Concern about open gym and children being brought to open gym.

Nancy: It is in the community's hands, but we could have a conversation

Kilann: Needs to be the responsibility of the people opening the gym. Many kids come, and this is how it's been for a while. Many know how to sit on the side and are safe.

Nancy: Concerns about open gym should be passed on to the council, since it is their insurance.

Sports Report (Auggie)

- Basketball season kicked off
- Trip last week of January (boys)
- Could be dressing as many as 10 boys! Could be a huge factor.
 - Shows program is growing
- Daily reminders to put their schoolwork first
- Girls trip to Seldovia still being ironed out (17-18 Feb.)
- Boys trip to Kodiak (tournament)
- Regions first weekend in March
- Girls program could dress 7-8!
- Fundraising
 - Bake sell maybe?
 - Need exists for continued funding
 - Hoping for grant (via Suicide Prevention grant and Chugachmiut) to fund the regionals trip out.
- Want to focus role on coaching
 - Many other opportunities for tutoring and homework exist

Nancy:

- Hire for girls coach almost complete
- Need for booster club
 - Auggie has carried the fundraisers over the years
 - People who may have extra time / interest in helping
 - How could we form a booster club? Who should we get involved?

Kilann: Look to parents of athletes to support this role

Michelle: Sewing and selling clothes? Pies during holidays

Nancy: Teri and StuCo working on t-shirt / sweatshirt sales

Pauline: Keeping communication between school/parent/site council/ future

Kara: Sea Otter Pillows

Service Project (Community Service Initiative Update)

- Letter to parents about service project.
- Base projects, but additional hours accepted.
- Nancy Radtke and Eric Knudtson have been a big help.
- Going well.
- Students need extra support / encouragement to complete hours (like on our early release days)

School Events

- Christmas performance and awards ceremony next week

Chugachmiut Sugt'stun Teacher Position

- Sat in on interviews. Haven't heard of result

Staffing

- Job posted for SpEd aide
- Should close and finalize soon

Projection Discussion

Miscellaneous

- Enjoying children's choir
- Worked on music performances and organizing music for events/seasons over time

Teacher Reports

Kara

- Focus on academics over the next few weeks. Tough with holiday season
- Finished quarterly writing assessments, so now we're using that time to practice for winter performance
- Required benchmark AIMS testing going on now (better than having to wait till after our break, like we used to).
- Priority: Getting kids here and making sure they have enough sleep

Glen

- Things going pretty well
- Would like to see students sink teeth into work, increase commitment

Kilann

- Chugachmiut got a duration grant for headstart! Now we'll have headstart Mon-Fri and slightly longer days!