

Seward Schools Site-Based Council Minutes
Seward Elementary, Seward Middle, Seward High
February 12, 2015

Call to Order: 6:29

Present: Reuben Miranda, David Kingsland, Al McCarty, Wendy Bryden, Stephanie Cronin, Martha Fleming, James Wayne, Mica Van Buskirk, Kelli Moore, Peggy Hamner, Laura Hensley, Tim Cronin, Von Terry, Nickole Lyon, Ken Carr, Myla Liljemark, Ken Brockman

Approval of Minutes: approved no changes

Additions to Agenda: none

Public Comments: none

Special presentation: Superintendent Dusek

- District enrollment the trend is that it is not going up but it is flatlined
Moose Pass 10 right on the cusp community meetings coming up
Seward High enrollment will be down next year graduating more than coming in
- SBA Reading scores average in the district is advanced (leads the state in districts with more than 1000 kids)
Working on the math scores, we just got a new curriculum to help focus on these scores.
SBA scores on the peninsula are higher than all the other districts in state
- Seward elementary has a 4 star rating in 2013 and a 5 star in 2014
Seward High 4 star 2013, 2015
Seward Middle 4 star 2013, 2014
Moose Pass 4 star 2014, 5 star in 2014
- Budget: More in depth during the meeting on the 17th
Budget meeting Feb. 17 SHS pool discussion (looking for ideas on how to make more efficient or generate more revenue) 5pm, budget 5:30
- March 2 board will consider input and options
April 6 board will approve budget
- Site Council Role:
SC is an advisory body in the joint planning and problem solving processes for improving student learning that occur at the local school level
Support: school improvement effort (rely on student data, looking at the big picture, community wishes, etc.)
Data analysis
Community involvement: key to administrators being able to make decisions by being able to offer solutions,
- District News: transitioning to meet new challenges
State Mandates
Testing (why are we doing so much testing and so much weight being given to one test
Star Rating
Evaluation System: Student learning data is now included (As a district we are getting ahead of that so that we have authentic assessments (not bubble test info) to be included in that. There is a place for bubble tests and there is a place for assessment
Skills: Thinking, prepared, collaborative, effective communicators
Aging Facilities- an issue around the district. Lots of schools built in the 50s-70s part will

be working with the legislature and part may be looking at bonds. In the process of evaluating facilities and prioritizing a list

Middle School Student Report: no student rep yet

High School Student Report: in Valdez playing ball

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: Federal programs PowerPoint- technical difficulties- move to push this to the March agenda)

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL BOARD, PTA

Seward Elementary School- David Kingsland

- Spelling bee
- Geography bee Luke Gunter has to take a test to see if he goes on to the state level
- Running
- Battle of books
- Forensics
- Volleyball
- Jumprope for heart tomorrow (2/13)
- Tues 24th Ocean themed family night and book fair lions club vision screening
- Position open for kitchen right now
- Nurse Emily done at the end of the year. Position is open until full (full time position)

Middle School by Myla Liljemark

- Vb and wrestling full swing
- This sat wrestling 10 looking for volunteers
- Borough vb meet coming on
- Skiing has put on hold due to weather- there was enough interest!
- \$10,000 grant from nutrition bullet was awarded to Seward MS thanks to Yoly Ifflander will help to get nutritional snacks to students
- All schools got to go to the Jabali acrobats –thank you for bringing that to our schools. Special thanks to Amy Hankins, PTA and Seward Music Assn
- Battle of the books
- Mind of mazes- middle school team won that competition

High School- Trevan Walker

- Rolled out honors diploma to student body- pretty well received-identified potential students. If there were concerns he hasn't heard about it, not a lot of push back, lots of kids have come forward to identify themselves as qualifiers
- PTA submitted grant for scholarship fund \$500 has been contributed so far
- BBall Seahawk Classic was amazing, ACT testing, parent teacher conferences, NOSB going on at the same time. Huge shout out to parents, teachers, and students for helping to make it a successful weekend. It was crazy chaos but was amazing weekend
- ACT test day March 3rd, hosting testing inside the school day

- Working to close track and xc coaching positions and will be searching for girls soccer coach soon

School Board Report- : Lynne is currently in Juneau

PTSA Report-AI McCarty: Amy is planning on trying to get a “stomp” type group to come down next year. Got \$500 scholarship grant for students to take KPC classes- Jill Herbert is running the scholarship program and she will be heading that up

ROUNDTABLE:

- Tim-muffins for mom was today. Takes place every month it great way to get parents in reading to kids
- Lori- thanks for hosting NOSB kids from all over the state was a lot of fun
- Mica- received an email from Julie Cisco on capital improvements: pool viewing area is a structural wall not a priority. Middle school level, looking at leveling the hill for a field Elementary-opening the wall in office not on the table, have now put in cameras and a big screen tv
- Von- the elementary school window is concerning what else can we do other than a monitor? (David-it has been on the list for 15 years)
- James Wayne- taking over for Stephanie
- Laura Hensley-friends of Jesse Lee home put out a survey for parents, educators, and community members- looking for input on summer programs when they don't have students
- Al- discussed land trust litigation that is going on
- Ken (school resource officer) the district did recent ALICE training. All Seward schools have completed the initial training, every 15 minute program coming in March or April
- Mica-Pool use meeting 5pm on 17, Budget meeting afterwards

Add to Next Meeting Agenda:

- Federal programs PowerPoint
 - Bylaw review

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

Next meeting will be March 19 ,6:30 PM, in the High School Library