

Seward Schools Site-Based Council Minutes

Seward Elementary, Seward Middle, Seward High

October 9, 2014

Call to Order: 8:12 pm

Present: Mica Van Buskirk, Jason Bickling, Ken Brockman, Peggy Hammer, Kelli Moore, Laura Hensley, Von Terry, Celeste Lemme, Nickole Lyon, Mike Moriarty, Trevan Walker, David Kingland, Al McCarty, Tim Cronin, Stephanie Cronin, Sharon Kim, Ken Carr, Myla Lijemark, Raylynn Zweifel

Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved-no changes

Additions to Agenda: None

Public Comments: Christy Terry asked for support from parents, educators, and the community to vote against Prop 2 (Monday 7pm at the City Council meeting)She stated concerns of edible marijuana products being marketed to our children in our schools and would like the council to stand with her and the city of Seward against Prop 2. The council decided that as a group we could not support a political issue. Each member was urged to do their own research in order to become educated about the issue and then to vote accordingly.

Christy also, asked for the council to take a look at our agenda and to change the agenda so that Public Comments would come before the approval of the agenda. It was moved and seconded to do so.

Middle School Student Report: None- reps have not been elected yet

High School Student Report: None- reps have not been elected yet

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Seward School Budgets (Group discussion on ways to lower costs at each school)
 - Elementary School
 - Equalize- fix heating issues
 - Investigate audit \$\$ program- is it still in effect
 - Consolidate summer school usage. Turn the heat and lights off in the two schools not being used
 - Alternate energy sources- Is anyone at the district level looking into this?
 - When the state offered an energy audit, why didn't schools take them up on it?
 - Kids help out at the end of the day cleaning up their spaces. Would rather lose a .5 custodian than a teacher.
 - Make sure custodial staff at each district building is figured for the portion of the building being used not for the size for the size of the building (ex. Skyview middle- not using all of the building?)

- o Middle School
 - Noted that the prison and the SLC electrical rate through the city is negotiated. Is this possible for the schools?
 - Energy incentive \$\$, is it still in place?
 - Travel- conferences, meetings, etc. can schools do more distance delivery and utilize the technology in place?
 - Instead of having a group of staff travel from Seward to the central pen for trainings, send a district staff member out to the sites and save travel and per diem for big groups of people traveling.
- o High School
 - Pool cost- Are we using it efficiently
 - Diesel fuel is expensive and there are always spikes in the cost each time the pool has to be drained and refilled. The cost associated with reheating the water is A LOT
 - The pool normally gets shut down/drained in June/July and reopens in August, would it be a possibility to keep it shut down in August as well?
 - Would the community and city be willing to share the cost load?
 - Is geo thermal an option?
 - In other districts the city or the borough maintain and operate the pool, is this option for Seward?
 - Are there other ways that would be more efficient to heat the pool other than the ancient boilers in use currently?
 - o District Wide
 - o Borough isn't deficit spending but they are asking us to spend less. Schools can't negotiate in Juneau for funding unless their district is already being funded to the cap.
 - o Rescind the seasonal sales tax
 - o Is the borough's 20 million restricted or allocated?
 - o Travel
 - o Software usage/technology
 - o Extracurricular- Could schools make it if money for state competition was not allocated separately? *Clubs will have to rely solely on student fund raisers and equipment replacement would get put off.
 - o Consolidate sports travel
 - o Have the ability to have a 4 day week when there are more than 5 subs in a building and low numbers of students actually in school, due to sporting activities
- Seward Schools 710 Accounts **Postponed to next meeting**

REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL BOARD, PTA

Seward Elementary School by David Kingsland

- Former custodian, Howard, was hired as the head custodian
- Laura Conant has retired and Joanne Mark has taken her place. We are still looking to hire a kitchen staff member.

- We have still to fill a SPED Aide position
- Kindergarten Jammin' Salmon is next week
- Fire Safety week is coming up
-) • Veteran's Day will look different this year. After the performance by the north wing students, active duty and veterans will be invited to the south wing for snacks and other special activities.

Middle School Administrator Report:

- Settling in to the new us
- Schedule changes coming up
- 130 students enrolled (118 was the forecast)
- Will be having a testing conference- the SBA is out and the AMP is in. There will be lots of information distributed soon.
- End of the quarter is the 17th, Parent teacher conferences on the 30th & 31st, and the book fair will be happening
- Afternoon Tutor position is still open
- The soccer team has had their best competitive season in at least 20 years (Nikiski coach)
- X-Country did well and placed several at boroughs
- Basketball will be starting soon and they have enough participants to hire assistant coaches.

High School Administrator Report:

- Seward beat Gracel! Both X-country teams finished as state runner ups for Region III
-) • Thanks for the support during our football season. The team went to the playoffs for the first time in years.
- Spirit Scamper is coming up- look for students with tickets as this is the one big fundraiser for the year.
- SPED aide interviews are going on

School Board Report: None

PTSA Report by: None

ROUNDTABLE:

- Seeking clarification on last month's notes about the community service piece of the honor's diploma needing to be struck out. It was written that way because Government classes are now doing a community service piece as part of the course requirements. Community service was discussed at the work session and it has been reconciled.
- There is an extreme shortage of substitutes in the Seward area. Encourage people you know to try a new job where you get to choose when you work.

^ Add to Next Meeting Agenda:

-) • Seward Schools 710 accounts
- Honor's Diploma
- Pool Stats

- Testing

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Next meeting will be October 9, 2014, 6:30 PM, in the High School Library.
Honors Diploma work session will be held an hour prior to the regular meeting: 5:30 pm in the HS Library.