Seward Schools Site-Based Council Minutes

Seward Elementary, Seward Middle, Seward High

December 11, 2014

**Call to Order**: 6:35 pm

**Present**: Kelli Moore, Myla Liljemark, Lori Wolfe, Celeste Lemme, Amy Hankins, Tim Cronin, David Kingsland, Trevan Walker, Jason Bickling, Allen McCarty, Mica Van Buskirk, Reuben Miranda, Von Terry, Mel P. Motz

**Approval of Minutes**: Minutes approved-no changes

**Additions to Agenda**: None; No additions, though Jason Bickling and Trevan Walker’s principal’s reports were moved the front of the agenda so that they could attend a middle and high school performance.

**Public Comments**: None

**Middle School Administrator Report**:

* Basketball is almost over. 1st Round of Boroughs was on Tuesday, and Finals will be in Homer on Saturday. The girls’ team will travel to Homer on Friday afternoon.
* Wrestling will start soon and the coaches are Ronn Hemstock and Chad Hinders.
* Nordic Skiing will also start up and Bob Barnwell is the coach.
* Volleyball is the third sport starting up in January. Angie Hammer will step down as the Varsity coach and will be the JV coach.
* Christmas concert is Thursday, December 11 at 7:00pm in the HS Theatre.

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

**High School Student Report**: Jonah Deboard, the newly-elected Seward High School Student Council President, presented as the new Site Based Council student representative.

* Student Council Elections were held on December 9
* The basketball season has started
* Pep club is new this year and is planning events including an assembly

**High School Administrator Report**:

•    Trevan has nothing to report because Jonah said everything he was going to say.

**OLD BUSINESS**:

Honors Diploma

* Trevan reported that he spoke to and got feedback from many high school students and that they determined that the Valedictorian and Salutatorian positions should not be tied to the Honor’s Diploma.
* The students also recognized that the school lacked in formal standardized test training. They thought that if students were prepped with test-taking-skills (like through an ACT club) that the positions of Valedictorian and Salutatorian could be tied to the Honor’s Diploma requirements.
* Myla reported that both certified and non-certified staff that gave her input from the Middle School indicated that they supported striking the Honor’s Diploma requirements for Valedictorian and Salutatorian.  They believe that putting the two together makes assumptions about the type of kids that are Valedictorian and Salutatorian.
* Amy expressed that she thought it would be a good idea to open up the topic to the community with something like a 30 day window for comments from the public.  She voiced that communicating with the public was one of our goals for Site Based Council this year.
* The council reached consensus on striking the three stars line concerning Valedictorian and Salutatorian, to review the topic of including that requirement in one (1) year, and to have the Honor’s Diploma requirements be implemented immediately.

**NEW BUSINESS**:

Hybrid High School Overview

* Trevan presented the Council with the Hybrid High School vision draft which he will be presenting to the District Instructional Team

Annual Bylaw Review

* The Bylaw review was handed out, and looked through.  Consensus was reached that discussion of the bylaws would take place at the February Council meeting.

**REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL BOARD, PTA**

**Seward Elementary School by David Kingsland**

•    Cross Country Ski season has started.

•    Students are participating in an Hour of Code.

•    Seward El won $10,000 from Code.org.

•    They are currently doing a canned food drive.

•    AMP testing was discussed as a new and completely online test substitute for the SBAs.

**School Board Report**: None

**PTSA Report by:**  Al spoke as the PTSA rep and discussed the PTSA’s work with Jason Bickling in trying to level out the grass hill just east of the Middle School into a flat field for recreational purposes.

**ROUNDTABLE**:

•     The Balto School is having an Open House on Saturday, January 10, from 1:00-2:00 at the Balto School office.

**Add to Next Meeting Agenda**:

•    None

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm**

**Next meeting will be February 12, 2014, 6:30 PM, in the High School Library.  The Superintendent will be here to provide updates and training.**