Seward Schools Site-Based Council Minutes

Seward Elementary, Seward Middle, Seward High

November 13, 2014

**Call to Order**: 6:37 pm

**Present**: Mica Van Buskirk, Jason Bickling, Kelli Moore, Nickole Lyon, Mike Moriarty, Trevan Walker, David Kingsland, Ken Carr, Myla Liljemark, Lori Wolfe, Reuben Miranda, Ken Carr, Leslie Jacoby, Mary Tougas

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

**Additions to Agenda**: None

**Public Comments**: Leslie Jacoby and Mary Tougas spoke (on behalf of the Tsunami Swim Club) about the need for a new scoreboard in the pool. They stated that USA Swim specs have to be followed in order to hold swim meets without a scoreboard this is very difficult. They noted that there are going to be 150 swimmers coming to Seward in December for a meet. This meet is going to have to be scored by hand, it will be a very time consuming task. A high end board would cost around $40,000 and a mid to low board would cost approximately $25,000. TSC is looking to work together with the school in order to purchase a new scoreboard.

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

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

**OLD BUSINESS**:

* 710 (Student Activity Account)
* Elementary- eScript at Safeway has made changes and credit will no longer be given on credit card purchases. Cash only sales will be the sales that qualify for the 10% back. Mr. Kingsland went over the handout. He noted that there are several accounts that are listed that are no longer used i.e. the pop fund. He stated that it is difficult to get rid of an account once it is made.
* Middle School- Mr. Bickling noted that athletics aren’t operating in the Red!! He also noted that they are trying to save for more computers.
* High School- A question was asked about Debate Club and the difficulties they have encountered with travel. Mr. Walker stated that the difficulties have not been financial difficulties, rather transportation issue (not enough drivers/bus availability). He noted that they are not encountering those same problems this year due to the fact that there are 30 students out for debate and they can have their own bus now.

\*\* See attached sheets for account balances. \*\*

* Honor’s Diploma
  + The language being used is from the AK Performance Scholarship
  + Previously the 4th Social Studies credit was hard to obtain but Mr. Wayne’s position rights this.
  + 100 hrs. of community service is cumulative from freshman year
  + Hours in internships will count even though they are receiving credit
  + Valedictorian/Salutatorian would have to meet these standards in order to become valedictorian or salutatorian
  + HSGQE is done, now students are required to take the SAT, ACT, or work keys (career aptitude test that also measures ability). The biggest holdup for this is the required score of 25 on the ACT or 1680 on the SAT
  + Concerns:
    - kids who are poor test takers but still accomplish everything else do they still have a chance?
    - Timing- can we roll this out this year? What does that look like?
    - Consider striking the requirements for Valedictorian/Salutatorian
* \*\*Motion to table until next meeting. \*\*

**NEW BUSINESS**:

* Pool Stats
  + There were 21,000 guests last year (Not including Tsunami Swim Club)
  + It isn’t possible to see how much of the oil bill is for the pool alone. Last month for the entire building the oil bill was $10,000
  + The High School received an energy rebate. The reason they received it is because the pool was not drained in July.
  + Swim Club has 60 swimmers (ages 6-18), 4 coaches, they swim every day and pay yearly fees of between $8,000- $10,000

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

**Seward Elementary School by David Kingsland**

* Soccer is over and Basketball has started
* Veteran’s Day program went over well. The South wing added activities and snacks for the Veterans and it was a well-received change.
* Seward Elementary was recognized as a Top 41 School in the state
* David was in DC for National Distinguished Principal Award
* Spelling Bee and the Winter concerts are coming up

**Middle School Administrator Report**:

* School goals will be sent out via email
* Early release on 11/26
* 11/27-11/28 no school for the Thanksgiving holiday
* Tutor position is still open

**High School Administrator Report**:

* Swimming Sasha Hamner was a state qualifier
* Volleyball was 5th in regions
* Football had a huge year and is finished for the season
* Cross Country boys 1st @ regions/ Girls 2nd @ regions
* Drama is doing a reader’s theater December 1-3
* Movie night is next week for NHS. Showing the Lego Movie
* Rebecca Dixon was hired as the special education aide
* Andrew Scrivo was hired as the 3rd wrestling coach
* Girls assistant basketball coaching position is open

**School Board Report**: None

**PTSA Report by:**  None

**ROUNDTABLE**:

* New substitute training is taking place in Seward on the 20th from 10:30-12:30. Tell your friends!
* Veteran’s Day program from the perspective of a Vet were that it was amazing, honoring, and they walked away feeling loved and appreciated. They loved the kids and the songs.
* Suggestion for clearer communication on who is invited to the Veteran’s Day Program. There was confusion with the new changes on who was invited to what.
* Myla and Trevan just got back from an INACOL conference in Palm Springs. The conference focus was on blended learning.

**Add to Next Meeting Agenda**:

* Honor’s diploma-Valedictorian/salutatorian
* Overview of hybrid HS

**Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm**

**Next meeting will be December 11, 2014, 6:30 PM, in the High School Library.**