

Seward Site Based Council Minutes November 14, 2013

In attendance: Julie Lindquist, Emily Brockman, Lori Wolfe, Kelli Moore, Nadene Brown, Von Terry, Myla Liljemark, Celeste Lemme, Maille Moriarty, Dr. Mike Moriarty, Alan Nickell, Linda Ferkinhoff, Trevan Walker, Laura Hensley, Reuben Miranda, Raylynn Zweifel, Amy Hankins

6:31 Meeting called to order

- Welcome extended to new members.
- Explanation of packets made by Julie and Amy.
- Star form explained. Emphasized that the star form is not just for the council and that it is for anyone that wants to have something addressed.
- Raylynn Zweifel has asked that her email be changed to: rzweifel@kpbsd.org

Motion to approve agenda – Lori Wolfe approves the agenda.

New Members introduced

- Lori Wolfe
- Kelli Moore
- Nadene Brown
- Von Terry
- Celeste Lemme
- Maille Moriarty
- Mike Moriarty

No additions to agenda

Middle School Student Rep Report - Maille Moriarty

- BB – both girls teams won against Nikiski
- BB Boys lost, BB games will be this Friday
- Life Alaska Presentation at the HS organized by the Middle School
- Archery in PE
- Art, Lego robotics and foods are the two new Exploratories
- Karl Pfeiffenberger and Kendyl Morris are the two students of the month

High School Student Rep Report - Emily Brockman

- Swimming went to Juneau
- Wrestling went to Dillingham
- Debate went to Bartlett and kids place pretty high.
- NHS has canned food drive – Staff is winning the drive.
- Battle of Books is happening
- HS parking lot got “switched around”
- Play in December

Old Business

- By-law review

- By laws are not done, they are still being worked on
- It would be good to get another couple people on the committee
- By-law committee might have two or three meetings. May go into January

New Business

Principal's Report – Trevan Walker

Seward schools 710 Accounts

- 100 Funds – district allocated and little oversight by principals. 100 Funds are always board approved
- 379 accounts – Anytime there is money left over out of the 100 funds, money is rolled over into the 379 accounts. Principals can access and use those funds to take care of facilities.
- Seward High Staff has just voted to spend \$ from 379 account to add a 4th laptop lab. That will almost make the school 1/1 students and computers
- Students' activity accounts – secretaries are spending dollars to make things available for students. Some accounts have more money than others.
- These account balances are always fluctuating.
- Basketball is the only sport that goes into the black. All others go into the red. Student activity fees go into 710 accounts and gate fees at activities will go into the account.
- Spirit account – spirit calendar that Dan Marshall creates. Those calendars are made available to the whole community. The account can be dipped into to support activities
- General Funds – Hawk Walk goes into this account.
- Seward Booster Club folded all funds into the Seward High Account (4 years ago)
- 20% account – The incentive to run the snack shack. It becomes the coach's "slush fund." I.e., hotels (at state level), team dinner
- Booster club general fund- \$30,000 made a year. Teams are been put on a regular uniform rotation because of this fund. Uniforms are their primary expense. If there is money left over they will put out a wish list to coaches. If there is still money left over they will donate it to the Seward community foundation account, with the hope that that account will be self-supporting
- Question about the pool and new lane lines. The pool has a lot of money. Can the pool buy the lane lines? Lane lines and practice lane lines will be ordered.
- Football Refs – Eastern Pen Football Refugees
 - 5 guys passed the test
 - They need to practice refereeing games before they can ref Varsity Games. Experienced refs were brought in to help the news guys.

Principal's Report – David Kingsland

- Variety of accounts
- El gets a bill every year from Trevan for field trips. HS houses the buses and Sami King schedules the trips, so EL has to get a bill
- \$14,000 carried over from General Fund
- Revenues of \$1800, expenditures of \$15,000.

- Stipends – sports and academic – are taken out of General Fund
- Student leadership runs the student store and help organize different school events like Field Day and door decoration contest.

Principal's Report – Jason Bickling

- Student activity fees don't cover the costs of sports. MS does a lot of transferring of money. Athletics is always in the red.
- Uniforms are on a rotation
- Some trips are cancelled because of how expensive they are.
- General Fund = savings account. Includes room use fees. We need Smart Boards which are \$5000 apiece. Is saving fees to be able to buy those big ticket items.
- Principals have to present a balanced budget to the district at the end of the year.
- MS does not have a Booster Club. No money is raised for sports teams. Some money comes in through student fees but that doesn't even cover travel.
- Pop fund used to support sports, but pop machine has been removed.
- MS can use a Booster Club
- Amy wondered if vans could be taken to games if there wasn't the money for a bus. Jason said that the policy had changed and that we are not able to do that anymore.
- Mike M wanted to know if people could make donations, and Jason said that it would probably have to be channeled through a Booster Club type organization.
- 186 student activity trips were organized last year.

Questions –

- Von let everyone know that GCI offers a free public service announcement for something like the canned food drive
- Discussion ensued about trying to get more bus drivers trained. The word needs to be spread that drivers are needed.

Site Council Goals

- What goals do we want to set this year?
- Every year at the end of the year, site council has to write an evaluation of the site council.
- 6th Grade to Middle School was a huge goal, and that has been achieved.

Officer Elections

- Leigh Ray wants to be Secretary
- Maya was nominated for Vice President and Amy Hankins has been nominated for VP as well.
- Mica is willing to remain in the presidency.
- Voting:
- Mica for president and Leigh for Secretary. Motion made by David. Second by Kelli. Unanimous approval of both.
- Everyone gets to vote except Maille and Emily the two student reports.
- Maya Moriarty was elected by a close margin and will hold the VP position.

- Amy took the community member seat, according to board code, it is not a seat meant to be held by a parent, only a non-parent. That is board policy. It is stringent. They are important, we are just advisory. We are going to do a waiver to the board to make sure that Amy can keep her seat as a community member even though she is a parent.

Administrators' reports

Kingsland

- earthquake drill done already
- Nov 20 lockdown drill planned. Parents are always told this is coming.
- Veterans Day program was Monday.
- 3-5 grade performed in the program k-2 was decorations, and 6 were making programs. There were concerns from the 3-5 grades about time out of classroom that preparing for the concert took.
- Early release planned on the 20th – same day as lockdown
- December spelling bee and geography bee in January
- Amy asked a question about ropes in the doors. David said that they are looking at ways to keep doors locked during the day. Ropes in doors will be moved when emergency happens.
- Question about Health activity logs – where is the information once the kids finish it? Healthy Futures Program is by the state of Alaska. Run by Nickole Lyon and Jenna Fabian. Kids record physical exercise.

Jason Bickling

- Archery – A few years back the EL and MS got a grant for equipment and got trained so that we can offer archery in our schools.
- In January there is a state competition that our kids can compete in.
- Jacob Hemstock – professional archer – came in and demonstrated with the kids.
- Staff are doing it too.
- Home game for BB tomorrow.
- Earthquake and lockdown drill happened in the same day. They did a great job! These are skills that kids can use anywhere, not just in school.
- Today phones and internet went down
- Battle of Books is happening

Trevan Walker

- State swimming outcomes were really high, and had a great showing.
- Regions Volleyball was last weekend. They did really well.
- Student parking – building security has caused side door to be locked. Visitors and staff have 16 prime parking spots. Students have the rest. Kelly Moore mentioned that Anchorage schools have to pay for their parking pass.
- Fall Drama production “Acting can be Murder.” It will be uncomfortable funny. December 3, 4, 5 7:00.

- Booster Club – Kim Reirson stepped down as President, Eric Jackson has stepped in. She oversaw the raising of \$330,000.

Golden Apple Award

Teacher, Community Member, Staff member can be nominated for outstanding commitment to schools. Honorees are presented the award at the May School Board meeting.

PTA Representative

Written by Maya – Read by Julie

- Dana Paperman needs help delivering “Believe Sales”
- PTA is undergoing by-law reviews. Changing name from PTSA to PTA
- Attended board meeting on Mica’s behalf.
- Board approved 6th grade move to MS and reconfiguration of EL to K-5
- Site Council By-laws – November 9 email has the suggested draft revisions.
- There are blogs that people can access if they need minutes of SBC

Council Member Remarks

- Trevan – State of Alaska published a parent guide
- Alan Nichol – Notices issues with by-laws. Has issues with
 - Principals voting
 - How we are going to run elections
 - Terms and how long they should be in relation to whether or not you are qualified for the seat that you hold
 - Council competition – we need to make sure that it is proportionate
 - Holiday breaks are coming up, and could we combine Nov and Dec meetings
 - David says that the State Parent Guide on Alaska standards for LA and Math will be given to all parents in February
 - 2014-2015 the EL will go to Standards Based. No traditional grades
 - Von says that he is looking forward to being on the board. The Veterans Day program has kids coming away with appreciation for the country and the veterans in the community and that the program has a lot of value in it.
 - Nadene – Concerns about Alaska’s new standard under Common Core. There is reason that 10 states are dropping out. Recommends that Alaska needs to not be a part of this. Recommends that people get educated about what is wrong with Common Core
 - Kelli Moore – Middle School did really well because they are learning about what is going on in the world in their core classes.
 - Lori Wolfe – says that her dad (a veteran) looks forward to that every year.
 - Emily is so excited about efficient meetings!
 - Julie says that the Veterans Day program is needed. Julie also asks about an Archery club for kids. If you can’t make a meeting, please call the president. No more than 2 missed meetings per year. Suggesting committee to assist in the 6th grade reconfiguration.

Myla moves to adjourn the meeting and Lori Wolfe seconded it.