

Seward Schools Site-Based Council
Meeting Minutes | Oct. 8, 2012 | 7:00 PM
Seward High School, Seward Middle School, Seward Elementary



Present: Present: Julie Lindquist, David Kingsland, Jason Bickling, Trevan Walker, Leigh Ray, Linda Ferkinhoff, Alan Nickell, Tammy Nickell, Hayden Beard, Martha Fleming, Maya Moriarty, Amy Hankins, Mica Van Buskirk, Raylynn Zweifel

Welcome: Welcome to everyone present!

Minutes: Approved.

Additions to the Agenda: none

Public comment: none

Middle School Student Report: No representative, but comments from principal

No Middle School representatives present tonight because of the shortened meeting agenda. Jason Bickling says that the members are from a newly formed leadership group with 12 students. The group has met four times and discussed upcoming spirit days, fun activities (activity night), policy issues, and more. The group meets during lunch every other week.

High School Student Report:

Given by Hayden Beard

- Homecoming was interesting and beautiful, and was put on by the sophomore girls committee. The theme was “Under the Midnight Sun.” Total profit: \$800
- Choir concert upcoming on the 17th
- Wrestling season is starting.
- Cross country is finished and the boys came in 2nd in State.
- Other events going well, such as volleyball and debate club.
- Students seek more change in the school, such as more classes, a greater variety of classes, and a grant writer.
- High school leadership students would like to work cooperatively with student leadership teams at the middle and elementary schools
- There were discussions about the school dance code, particularly about body closeness during dancing. As it stands now, the chaperones decide appropriateness of closeness between dance partners on the spot, and if it’s uncomfortable for them to see, it needs to stop immediately.

Old Business:

Revision of the KPBSD Site Council Blue Book. Julie Lindquist presented changes suggested by Lynn Hohl (in absentia). Discussions ensued among council members. The main points were as follows:

- Principals should take a leadership role and no longer be part of the voting membership. Thus, the advisory council will be only the elected members. (Approved)
- More parents need to become part of the council, especially now that the vote has been removed from the principals.
- Language in the Blue Book should read as follows: it is recommended that site councils have an annual bylaw review.
- Seward's Bylaws pertaining to the term that parents may serve should be addressed at another meeting. In question is the election of a parent whose child is a senior even though the term is for three years.

Review ASSB Nutrition Policy. This discussion was tabled. Note that the policy needs to be reviewed by individual council members in depth prior to next meeting's work session.

New Business:

- Seward Site Based Council By Laws Amendments. Tabled.
- Open/Closed Campus at Seward High School (Letter from Deb Burdick). Tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM and all new business plus principals' reports tabled due to time constraints. Presentation from Dr. Atwater immediately followed adjournment.

Next meeting will be on November 8, 2010: Work Session at 5:30 PM, followed by the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM. Location: Seward Elementary School Library