

MINUTES

Ninilchik School

Date | time 8/31/2017 3:45 PM | Meeting called to order by Jeff Ambrosier

In Attendance

Debbie Cary, Jeff Ambrosier, Lara McGinnis, Caleb, Kimberlie Hughes, Amber Kresel, Kim Johnson, Linda Hawkins, Sabrina Ferguson & Tim Vlasak via Skype

Ninilchik School Mission Statement

*To develop in partnership with educators, parents, and community,
enduring learners committed to academic, social, and personal excellence.*

Approval of Minutes

None

Site Base Meetings

Currently the site base meetings are set for 10/5, 11/16, 1/18, 3/1 & 5/10 for the 2017/2018 school year.

There will be a site base budget meeting on 10/17/2017

Student Report

Sabrina Ferguson report

1. Back to school Bonfire 37 people showed up on 8/26/17 23 students
2. Would like to make a connection between Upstairs and downstairs students, make a connection with community members to create a sense of unification within the community

Financial Report

Available in the office upon request

Principal Report

- A. Student Enrollment current verses projected
 - a. Currently there are 92 students enrolled
 - i. When a school drops under 100 students they lose the multiplier in the foundation formula which equates to somewhere between 50-70 thousand for our district
 - ii. What makes Ninilchik unique Why do students want to come to Ninilchik?
 - iii. Misconception is students will not have a teacher in front of them.
 - iv. Prepare students to be critical thinkers as opposed to test takers
 - v. Focus on the positives of Ninilchik School.
 - b. Projected enrollment was 113

B. New Teacher

- a. Ms. Johnson is teaching 4,5 & 6
- b. Comes from the Matsu school district
- c. Mr. Vlasak asked Ms. Johnson to for her input on MAP vs. Ed Performance once she tests her students in the upcoming weeks.
- d.

Title 1, Project Grad, Teen Center/YELP Update

Project Grad Caleb reported

Project Grad is in the 3rd year of an Alaska Native Ed Grant

Project Grad has applied for a GEAR grant which would be a 6 year grant focusing & following student from 2-7 grade

Project Grad offers graduating students 4k over a 4 year period for post grad studies. This grant is unique to Project Grad Schools

Project Grad did a Professional Development class in August for teachers which was very well attended and received.

Project Grad is in the process of finalizing institutes for students to attend during the school year

Project Grad offers up to 2 credits for the Kenai Peninsula Native Leadership Program (you do not have to be Native to receive credits.

Project Grad employees 4 educational coaches, 2 family support personal, 1 elementary reading support staff as well as Jane Beck the coordinator and 1 office personal

Teen Center/ YELP & SAMHSA Maureen reported

- YELP
 - Mon/Wed will be after school tutoring
 - Tues/Thurs will be life skills class
 - Friday Teen center will be open
 - Katie Matthews will be the new outreach person
 - On 9/15 will be showing and discussing the movie "A Girl Like Me" to bring awareness to suicide
 - Maureen and Jeff will be working on Suicide Awareness Week and Red Ribbon Week
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- SAMHSA
 - September 10-17 is Suicide Awareness Week

September 10 Kenai Out of the Darkness Community Walk

Public

· Hosted by [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Alaska Chapter](#)

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/476436486052768/>
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Reports

- a. School Board Meeting 9/11/17
- b. Assembly Meeting 9/5/17
- c. The dynamics of the assembly, school board and mayor for the Kenai Peninsula Borough will change with the upcoming election. Please become involved now. Let them know we care about education

Public Comment

Linda Hawkins will be partnering with the school to bring music back to the students

Pre-k thru 8th grade

She will be partnering in hopes of bringing the Arts back

Linda taught music in Anchorage School District for twenty years

Focus for Junior High will be drums

Focus for pre-k -6 will be movement in music

New Business

- A. New 5 year Strategic plan will be voted on at the September 11th meeting of the school board
 - a. Support personalized learning
 - i. Personalized learning will not replace teachers
 - ii. The targets of personalized learning are
 - 1. Blended Learning; Professional Learning Communities; Video Conferencing; Digital Content & Resources; Targeted Instruction; Centers/Stations/Small group work; Flipped Classrooms; Student Ownership; Project Based Learning; Data Driven Decisions; Differentiated Instruction. This just ties it all together
 - 2. Self reflection students access need and progress thru self reflection
 - 3. Ownership in the direction a students goals are achieved
 - iii. The 4 R's Ready for, Rigor, Relevance & Responsive
 - 1. <https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/communications.aspx?id=27170>
 - iv. PEAK testing is coming up this is a snap shot in time and helps to direct instruction.
- B. How do we make Ninilchik School more attractive to parents, students and community
 - a. Possibilities
 - i. Immersion school- teach both Spanish and English. We already have two qualified staff members.
 - ii. Instate Exchange High School Students- give students and families the opportunity to interact with students from rural Alaska.
 - iii. Offer more opportunities for family and community to interact with the student and staff of the school.
 - 1. Grandparents day... invite a family member or adult to have lunch and recess with their student
 - 2. Field Trips for the elementary students
 - 3. Bring Individuals into the building for presentation or special projects

4. Pot Lucks
5. High School Students interact with elementary
6. Running Club

Discussion Points

Please get to know your new School Board & Assembly member after the October 3rd election. Let them know how important your school is to you and the community. Now is the time to establish a relationship with them to better support our district.

How do we improve our school?

Next Meeting

October 5th, 2018 3:45 pm Ninilchik School Library

APPROVED