



## Cooper Landing School

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“Specialists in Quality Learning”

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### Cooper Landing School PAC Minutes

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Meeting opened at 9:00 A.M.

**PAC Fund Balance:** \$2,306.00

#### Principal's Report:

Enrollment update, there are 13 students and in January we are again increasing with 2 more students. With the increase in students we have requested more time be given to the Aide to help Mr. Gossard with the additional students.

One of the school board's goals for this year is to improve our processes used by our site councils as a way to establish more consistency of practice. The board feels that the site councils are all over the place and that in many cases the end of year reports are not as useful as they should be. With this in mind, the board will review and possibly revise the site council blue book that provides a framework for site councils and their activity. You can find this document at: [http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students\\_parents.aspx?id=8232](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=8232)

We all collectively agree that the Site Council Blue Book is fine the way it is, we have no suggestions for change. We agree that nothing is missing or needs to be added. We didn't find anything that we felt needed to be deleted at this time.

The Wellness Policy revision: We as a group collectively agree that the changes that Sterling Elementary is proposing under New Business reflects our opinions as well and in saying that, especially the below changes.

\*There is concern that there isn't any room in the policy for local special events and birthday treats, especially when not all families can afford more expensive, unrefined, and healthier foods, when compared to more traditional things like birthday cupcakes.

\*There is concern regarding language prohibiting the loss of any recess as a logical consequence for behavior and concern over the loss of 1 on 1 instructional or remedial time that can occur during part of a recess. This sends the message that governing body can legislate that even when kids break rules; logical consequences can't be imposed if part of the logical consequence is the

loss of any recess time. The Council thought the previous guideline of a “minimum of 15 minutes” was more practical and balanced.

**Teacher’s Report:** Mr. Gossard discussed the up and coming events to mark your calendar with.

December 4: Junie B. Jones in Anchorage.

December 13: Museum for Body World. He collected names of those parents and siblings going, if you haven’t contacted him or Barb yet, please do so immediately for both the Junie B. Jones performance and the Body World exhibit.

December 17: School Christmas Play

Mr. Gossard is also trying to get us the Star Lab for January 23-30. He is coordinating with adjoining schools in the area to enjoy it as well and hoping to open the school one night to host the community as well for all to enjoy.

January 31 (ish) is Skiing school, dates will be announced later as Mr. Gossard waits until the beginning of the year to contact Alyeska and set up our lessons, this year we all agreed to pay \$20.00 out of pocket, per person, to help alleviate the PAC fund, although we are scheduled to find out about a grant on the 15th of this month that may help with cost and expenses of this year’s field trips and skiing cost.

Mr. Gossard has been working with Debbie Harris on a grant for a new sign for the school that will be attached to the actual building itself. It will be removable so when future painting is done, the sign will be able to be removed and remounted when said painting is done. We all agreed that the sign should be made of wood for longevity. The sign is going to be made with the school kids having a hand in the making process.

Mr. Gossard has been in discussion with Katie Feichtinger and Gyda Sears about new T-shirts for the school. Everyone liked the idea and would like to see some samples of ideas from Katie. We also thought maybe if we could use said T-shirts after they are produced for future fundraising for the school.

End of the year field trip to Homer to the Field Station was again discussed. Mr. Gossard was able to secure dates of April 22-24. The cost is \$120.00 per PERSON. There is food planning that needs to go on, as well as the cooking and prepping. As we move closer to the actual date we will discuss and prepare more, until then if you haven’t had a chance to check out the information on the Field Station, please feel free to check out this website, or direct questions to Mr. Gossard.

<http://www.akcoastalstudies.org/peterson-bay-field-station.html>

Can collection this year yielded 750!

SWAGS: Swags are being picked up Friday morning (November 16) and will be ready for assembling on November 19 at 9 A.M., so bring your gloves and creativity and be ready to swag that morning. Pick up is on the 19th when done being assembled and November 20th.

We were asked for feedback on two items:

1. School start/stop time- is current practice working at your site? If there were changes, what would you recommend?

a. There is a large body of evidence of starting school later for teens

b. If we pursued a later start time for teens, what would be positive and negative issues from your school and community view?

2. School Calendar- is current calendar start and stop date working at your site? What changes, if any would you recommend?

a. Discussion has come up about the summer academic/learning loss

b .If we pursued condensing summer vacation, what would be positive and negative issues from your school and community?

School start/stop time is currently working at our sight and we have no changes to recommend.

School Calendar start/stop time is currently working for us and we have no changes at this time but would like to be able to research and discuss this option more thoroughly, also we are not closed to the idea of change in the future.

**Next PAC Meeting:** December 11, 2012

\*\* January, 2013 meeting has been changed! The January meeting is going to be on the 15th. Please note this change on your calendars.

Meeting closed at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Rebecca James

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District