



Cooper Landing School

19030 Bean Creek Road • Cooper Landing, Alaska 99572-9704 • (907) 595-1244

“Specialists in Quality Learning”

PAC Meeting Minutes 4/8/2014

In attendance: Jessica Larsen, Heather Pearson, Susanna LaRock, Heather Harrison, Tommy Gossard, Shannon Ryan (appearance at beginning), Tasha Jeffords, Heidi Chamberlain, Sarah Miller, Joe Miller, Michael Hanson, Eric Jeffords.

The Kenai Fjords Marine Science Explorer Program on April 21st has been moved one hour earlier due to the tide schedule. Check-in is now at 8:30 AM. We will share the boat with Seward Middle School. The last day to add extra tickets was Tuesday the 8th; there were 11 seats left at that time. There is no carpool plan, but if rides need to be arranged, coordinate them through Heidi. Heather Harrison and Tasha Jeffords both said they have extra space. Everyone needs to bring a simple lunch, snacks, warm layers, boots, gloves, etc. Cameras are available to borrow from the school if wanted/needed.

There was a question as to whether there would be ski lessons on April 17th, because the Slush Cup is scheduled for the 12th, and that usually marks the end of the season. Heidi was going to call to verify.
UPDATE:

Upcoming dates to know: Early release on Wednesday, April 16th. Skiing on Thursday, April 17th. No school on Friday, April 18th. Kenai Fjords Marine Science Program on Monday, April 21st.

The kindergarten round-up/orientation for next year's incoming students is on Tuesday, May 13th from 10:00 to 1:30. A new parents' meeting will probably also be held during that time.

Monday, May 19th will be the Author's Tea and Kindergarten Graduation, at 1:00 PM. First, the author's tea with muffins, second, graduation, third, cake. Shannon has requested to see prior years' books to know what they are like, as this is her first year of involvement in it. We need fabric scraps brought in for making the book covers.

The end of the year picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 21st. Hope School has confirmed attendance, Moose Pass has not responded yet. We are hosting. The time will be from 10:30 to 1:30 to accommodate Hope School's graduation in the afternoon. Hope School is bringing desserts, fruit and drinks. We need to provide the main foods and paper products.

Road construction from the bridge to Jim's is starting now. Parents living on the other side of the bridge should take it into consideration when driving to the school.

It was reported that the testing week went really well, big thanks for getting students to school well rested and on time; the breakfast was a big hit (Michael's idea).

The testing week breakfast was so popular that we discussed whether having a hot breakfast program was possible instead of a hot lunch program. But Michael reported that it's really all or nothing with the Federal programs, so that's not really an option. Federal money has a lot of rules. But we are interested

in having special occasion breakfasts, perhaps operated by community groups coming into to host? Also, we want to continue the older students hosting lunch through their Home Ec studies. We will think about what we'd like to see happen and pursue how to make it happen, including searching for grants.

Michael reported that Shannon Ryan is rehired for the next school year. Hope School also has a second teacher next year. Shannon is Highly Qualified in High School math and science. Hope School teachers are Highly Qualified in complementary subjects; we need to keep as much of our education in-house as possible, share our 4 teachers among ourselves instead of using distance education, whenever feasible. Using locally-based education first keeps our enrollment numbers up.

Michael also suggested that we coordinate regular meetings between our PAC and Hope's PTA, so that we can be on the same page about goings-on that we might want to do together, like sharing bussing, getting the students together for shared events, etc. This can start next school year, maybe happen on a quarterly basis.

We were reminded that the magic number for getting a bus system here in Cooper Landing is 15 students living more than 1.5 miles from the school.

Our current PAC fund balance is \$4380.62. This year's St. Patrick's Day dinner brought in \$1687.45 from sales and donations. We did not have last year's numbers available to compare. Every year we worry about ticket sales, and it always seems to work out. We decided to keep trying to have it as close to March 17th as possible each year. There was no leftover corned beef for Mary Louise to buy this year; all extra was purchased by others, and it went really fast.

In terms of district updates, there was not much to report, but we had heard about the Jump Start program being expanded in the district, in which high schools students get discounted tuition for college-level courses. Michael will forward the email regarding it to Heidi. We can always check the district website for district media releases.

Snail-a-thon is scheduled for May 17th. All prior-year information was burned at Andrew's, so we are starting from scratch, but we consider that to be a nice fresh start. Heather Harrison and possibly Michelle Quinn will co-chair this year's event. Several things about the Snail-a-thon were discussed:

- Having 8 prizes is enough, and getting them in-house is the best idea, to not have to ask for more donations from local businesses: things like St. Patty's dinner tickets, free Christmas swags, school T-shirts, etc.
- Prizes for things like fastest runner, biker, walker, most garbage collected, etc.
- The slowest walker trophy made by Rabbit
- We need to get the students involved – making plaques in shop class, providing community service; this event is coordinated by us but belongs to them
- We might be able to coordinate sanitary facility usage with the Pow-Wow organizers; Heather Pearson also has a porta-potty to lend (just needs to be pumped after), and the CLCC has a portable potty too. We should ask Krissy Route if she wants to be involved in the sanitary aspect, to be part of her projects.
- Did Mona's long-term permit get burned too?
- The signs, etc, should still be in the shed at the Community Hall.
- We have some information saved as computer documents that can be sent by email to everyone.

- There are basically 4 or 5 basic categories in which to sign up to help: food, purchases, publicity, site prep, mile checkers....

The Chamber Easter Egg Hunt is on April 19th. Laura Johnson and Angel Bond are assisting with most of it.

There will be no Second Saturday market in April, so the last one until fall is in May. At the next meeting we will discuss the PAC's involvement in the May market.

Suzanne will request greenhouse plant starts on the Crier, for a June 1st planting date.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 6th.

Adjourned.

Minutes provided by Jessica Larsen