



Cooper Landing School

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“Specialists in Quality Learning”

PAC Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2014, 9 AM

In attendance: Virginia Morgan, Heather Harrison, Tasha Jeffords, Susanna LaRock, Jessica Larsen, Sarah Miller, Joe Miller, Michelle Quinn, Heidi Chamberlain, Shannon Ryan, Michael Hanson, Tommy Gossard

Heidi presented the Kenai Fjords Tours Marine Science Explorer Program as a field trip option. It's a 5-hour educational boat tour out of Seward, offered mid-April to mid-May. The school will pay the \$50/student fee. The PAC approved the idea. We've been encouraged by Kenai Fjords Tours to choose a Saturday when other small schools are attending, particularly April 26th or May 17th; we noted that May 17th is Snail-a-Thon, so not a good date. Heidi will investigate if there's another time in May we can go, when the weather may be nicer, instead of April 26th. One chaperone will be able to go free: we will try to divide the price so that parents who want to attend may not have to pay the full \$50. Heidi will investigate if younger siblings are full price or not.

The Black Violin field trip is on March 21st, performance at 10:30 AM. (Numbers attending and payments for extra attendees due by February 19th.) Because the afternoon will be open, it is proposed that we go to the Planetarium for a 3D show in the afternoon. They have a grant to let schools come free. We approved the idea, probably for the dinosaur show. Hope School is going to the dinosaur show this week, so they can report if it's recommended.

There is no school on Monday, January 20th, in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Wednesday, January 22nd is an early release day. Please pick up students at 1:45 PM.

Our first two skiing trips are Feb 20th and 27th. \$20/child is due by January 31st. The group leaves the school at 9:30 AM on skiing days. There are generally discounted chaperone rental and ticket rates, but they are not fixed.

The students are earning their free ski time by good behavior and performance in school. They are penalized by missing homework, reflection forms, etc, to lose free skiing time. This will not affect their lesson time, but they are accountable for their behavior to earn the extra ski time.

Battle of the Books is Feb 5th and Feb 11th, 9 AM. February 11th conflicts with a PAC meeting, but we will just hold our PAC meeting in another room to not interfere.

On February 13th Moose Pass School is coming to Cooper Landing for a salmon dissection with the Department of Fish & Game.

The older students and their parents attending West Side Story will not meet at the school. They agreed to talk post-meeting to discuss the details of the trip.

Regarding Middle School progress reports, Shannon would like to provide what the parents want and need. If you have a middle school student, let her know what you would like to receive: weekly reports, reports through Power School, only reports of problems or missing assignments? Send her an email or talk to her individually.

Michael Hanson reported that testing is coming up. She also addressed a question regarding Title I schools, and she would try to find out more details about the specifics of being a Title I school; she did recommend that people fill out the income forms in the school registration packets regardless. If there's a particular aspect of Title I schooling that we are interested in, she may be able to arrange help in that regard (such as free access to the Headsprout reading program for pre-K students).

Our big planning meeting for the St. Patrick's Day dinner will be the PAC meeting on February 11th. In preliminary discussion we talked about applying for free cake from Costco (Susanna will do this today), maybe having Heidi make a new photo album, Susanna will go through placemats and have the students make additional ones as needed, the PAC will primarily provide the desserts for raffle, we need someone to teach the students about waiting tables and restaurant operation, and how important it is to advertise the great program skiing is for the students and the great price we get for it. Mary Louise is happy that the dinner will be on the 17th, and understands that she is not responsible for buying food back from us: if there's extra she doesn't want, we will buy it and hold a hot lunch or otherwise use it. Virginia will talk to Mary Louise about the food order and what to get and when.

PAC fund balance is \$4,159.25.

The Seniors have invited any members of PAC who can to attend the CLSCCI board meeting at 1:30 PM at Raven's View today, to do preliminary planning of a joint effort to recognize the CLES volunteers, possibly at the Snowshoe Softball game on February 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 AM.

Minutes provided by Jessica Larsen