



## Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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### **PAC Meeting 11.2.2016**

Called to order at 12:27pm

#### **Roll Call:**

Melissa Fish, Kathy Recken, Doug Hayman, Heather Harrison, Virginia Morgan, Carrie Williams, Tommy Gossard, Laura Johnson, Jessica Larsen

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as written.

#### **Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Read through all action items from last minutes. Susanna was not present to address some of them. No changes were suggested. They were approved as written.

#### **Addition of New Members:**

No new members added.

#### **Principal's Report:**

The school district is considering reassigning administrative staff. As a result, Mr. Hayman may also serve as principal in Hope starting in January. This is not yet official, but it is currently being discussed. He is in agreement and support of the change. He proposes a schedule of half day Wednesday here, half there, alternating mornings and afternoons, and he will increase his electronic communications. He feels it's within his capacity to take on another school. This makes sense for the district because it puts only one principal on the road, instead of two. **AI:** We should email Natalie Bates at the district office, or John O'Brien, with our comments as a site council. If approved, the transition period will be November and December, with full duties in January.

PAC members commented that we don't want to lose any time from Mr. Hayman, but having a shared principal can allow a better coordination between the two schools. We also want any necessary budget cuts to happen to administration and not downline, and Mr. Hayman will do everything he can do to take heat off teachers, students, etc, as the budget gets tighter.

Mr. Hayman also presented a significant award to Mr. Gossard. The award has been a long time coming, as it was attempted to coordinate the schedules of many people to make a formal presentation but it never came together. To not delay any longer, Mr. Hayman honored Mr. Gossard with a certificate from the 29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature as Head Teacher and Selfless Citizen of Cooper Landing. Signed by Mike

Chenault, Kevin Meyer, and Peter Micciche, it “recognizes and commends the creativity and selfless teaching of Mr. Thomas Gossard.”

### **Teacher’s Report:**

November 23<sup>rd</sup> is an early release day, also pajama day.

No school on November 24-25.

Thursday, December 1st is the field trip to 360 All-Stars. We had talked about going to the Rock Gym, but they cannot accommodate us unless we want to come early in the morning, which is not practical. Since the trampoline park was such a hit, perhaps we should try the other trampoline park that has impressive climbing equipment, Shock Wave. Much the same as Get Air, but with climbing walls and a more “spunky” style.

The group agreed it is usually worth taking the opportunity while in Anchorage to do more than one activity. But driving home late in the dark is a big downside. The drive home after The Lightning Thief was very difficult. Mr. Hayman said he may be able to switch days and help drive.

The price for Shock Wave is \$14 first hour, \$10 second hour. The PAC moved to pay for first hour for only students, chaperones can pay themselves and can pay for longer time for their kids if they want. Individuals responsible for their own socks. This move was seconded, and voting was in favor.

**AI:** Laura will make sure that Susanna knows that Mr. Hayman will be going December 1.

Mr. Gossard brought up the idea of an end-of-year trip to Peterson Bay. The last time was 4 years ago, when we stayed in yurts. Alaska Coastal Studies also operates the Kasistna Bay laboratory, which is like going to the Challenger Center. With bunks and dorms, kitchen for us to use. Hope School went 3 years ago. We decided to wait until we have more information on the cost before making decisions. If a special PAC meeting has to be called to approve funds in order to secure dates, we will do that.

In the meantime, Mr. Gossard pursued more details about the Kasistna Bay Lab. There were 3 sessions available, one in April, one May 3-5, one May 22-24. The May 3-5 was our preference. Cost is \$178 per person. The funds are not due until after the stay, based on actual participants. This reduces some of the worry about people backing out and wasting pre-paid PAC money. (This was a big concern, as well as figuring out how much parents should contribute for each of their students as well as how much parents need to pay for their own attendance.) They were not quite ready to take reservations yet. **AI:** Jessica will make this an item on the next agenda.

Swags are coming in soon, Susanna is trying to get an ETA. Will probably be the week of the holiday market.

Skiing will be on Tuesdays this upcoming session.

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

The balance of the PAC account is \$9958.45. Might change because our expenses for Get Air were \$30 cheaper than planned. We chose to buy a sweepstakes ticket, which was an expense to the fund. River City Cheer came to \$731.

### **Holiday Market Committee Report:**

Vendors currently signed up are Kim Neis, Kathy Recken, Diane Somers, Karen Corrigan, Sherry Noonan – only 5 vendors right now. Probable vendors are Ladonna Herbert, Katie Feichtinger, Kate Stevenson, Rachel Sullivan. We should put peer pressure and direct contact on some other potential vendors: Corey Route, Michelle Quinn, Ed Holsten, invite anyone you can think of!

We've advertised in the ADN online calendar. We have flyers Susanna made, Facebook page.

We have no volunteers to help solicit donations of soup and baked goods. We need involvement from our new parents. Melissa volunteered to help call for soup and baked goods donations, on a team with Laura and Crystal.

A planning meeting for the Holiday Market Committee is scheduled for 9am Friday, November 4. All who can attend and be part of this committee are encouraged to come. A basic schedule and needs will be laid out to be filled. It will be imperative to get more parents involved in helping.

#### **Snail a Thon:**

Carrie Williams came to the meeting to discuss the Snail-a-Thon. She has been involved for 22 years, sad to see it fade, little participation last year. Wants to help get CLCC, Seniors, PAC, etc, together and bring it back to life. One body per organization. In 2017 it's on May 20<sup>th</sup>. That's before school gets out, which is better for the PAC. Precedes ball games, school kids will be involved. The PAC was happy to spread the load and increase the involvement.

(Virginia had an idea to do it on the new trail this year, from the Catholic Church to the Baptist Church.)

There was a motion to support Carrie in her efforts to redesign and revive the Snail-a-Thon, offering one person from our group to join a snail-a-thon committee. It was seconded. Voting was in favor.

#### **Prep Time:**

In regards to helping Mr. Gossard get more time in his schedule for prep: Mr. Hayman submitted a proposal for extra time budgeted for the school, it was rejected. Planting a seed early for next year. Mr. Hayman can't say our input won't make a difference, but he doesn't encourage it unless we have solutions, not just complaints. We also need real data. **AI:** Jessica will put this on next agenda again. Also we can set up plans to work with Mr. Hayman to put a proposal together in February.

#### **Community Service:**

**AI:** The seniors need help with more garden boxes. Jessica will put this topic on the next agenda.

#### **Christmas program:**

To be held on December 9<sup>th</sup>, a dress rehearsal will be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:30.

#### **Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, December 7, 12:30 pm at the school.

#### **Adjournment at 1:51pm.**