



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting 12.7.2016

Called to order at 12:34pm

Roll Call:

Heather Harrison, Melissa Fish, Tommy Gossard, Virginia Morgan, Laura Johnson, Angel Bond, Susanna LaRock, Jessica Larsen

Approval of Agenda:

Approved as written.

Reading and Approval of Minutes:

Action items from the last minutes were reviewed. All had either passed or were to be addressed on the current agenda. Minutes were approved as written.

Addition of New Members:

No potential members were present.

Principal's Report (sent by email and read by Susanna):

KPBSD is deep into developing budget plans to address the projected funding shortfall of 2017. Any suggestions or concerns can be addressed by using the KPBSD website.

Thank you to the PAC for supporting the 360 Allstar and Shockwave experience for the kids.

Looking forward to being at the Christmas party on Friday.

Looking forward to being in the position to support both Hope and Cooper Landing.

Teacher's Report:

February 3 is a World Expo at Moose Pass School, with Hope School also attending. Each child will do a presentation on a different country.

Skiing dates will be Tuesdays, February 21 & 28, March 7, 21 & 28, and April 4. Makeup days if needed will be April 11 & 18.

The school children will be helping to make some garden beds for the Seniors in the spring, probably early May. This will get them involved in some community service as desired. Virginia also mentioned that as far as community service, having the children do things at the library when they attend there is very helpful – such as shoveling the ramp and loading the firewood box.

Kasistna Bay Laboratory Trip:

The deposit is only \$300, but we need to firm our dates if we want it. The price per person is \$178, which is due two weeks after the trip, based on actual attendees. Five adults must accompany.

A general consensus was that having parents put in a small amount toward their child's attendance is a good policy to continue, perhaps \$20 as we do with skiing. In the discussion around how much adult attendees should pay toward their own expenses, Jessica suggested the PAC cover the full expense for the number of required adults, and then all adults that do attend (assuming more than the minimum) will evenly split the cost of the excess adult spots among themselves. This idea was generally accepted.

Mr. Gossard also presented the idea to piecemeal a trip to Homer instead, during the Shorebird Festival, including the museum and the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center, and a clam bake. This was generally rejected in the interest of not having to work out the details of the schedule and logistics for the whole trip, since the Kasistna Bay Lab is pre-planned.

The dates under consideration originally for the Lab were May 3-5 and April 17-19. May was posing some problems for some parents, but under the assumption that the weather would be better than in April, the May dates were approved by vote. After further recognition of the intensity of the schedule in May for many people, Mr. Gossard called the center to discuss possible April dates. The April 17-19 slot had just been claimed by another school that needed to move its dates from April 12-14, so the new April dates to consider were now April 12-14. These dates are considerably better for tides. After second consideration, these April dates were agreed upon in the expectation that more parents could attend.

A motion was made to pay the \$300 deposit and confirm the April 12-14 dates. This was seconded and voting was in favor. **AI:** It was agreed to put this on the January agenda to further figure out funding, food, adult payments, attendees, other logistics.

Treasurer's Report:

\$10,685.12 is the current balance, which includes the ShockWave expense that came to \$310.00. The school was able to secure a better price for ShockWave than originally expected - \$16 for 2 hours instead of \$14 for 1 hour. Susanna moved to retroactively approve that the PAC pay for two hours per student at ShockWave instead of one as originally intended. This was seconded and voting was in favor.

The Holiday Market earned \$1151.67. \$554.67 from soups and baked goods, \$175 from cake walk, \$410 from vendors, and \$12 from gift wrapping.

Prep Time Assistance:

We discussed the importance to the PAC that Mr. Gossard gets prep time regularly in his schedule. We proposed some ideas, but want to see this addressed on a district level, not just locally. We agreed to form a committee to follow this issue.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 18, 12:30 pm at the school.

Adjournment at 1:26pm