



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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Cooper Landing School PAC Site Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 29 3:35 p.m.

The mission of Cooper Landing School is to provide a positive learning atmosphere, placing the highest emphasis on academic achievement and service to the community, while maintaining a balance between school, family and community activities. This will be accomplished by meaningful communication and collaboration to utilize all available talents and resources.

In attendance: Heather Pearson, Heather Harrison, Michael Hanson, Virginia Morgan, Shannon Ryan, Thomas Gossard, Susanna LaRock

Agenda was approved

Minutes from previous meeting were approved

Principal's report included: A review of Action Items from previous meeting. The list of important dates was completed and handed out. The receipt book was purchased. Heidi printed out and emailed Power School info to parents. Heidi marks Michael's days at the school on the Google calendar and the paper calendar hanging on her door.

Michael then did a Google calendar demonstration, showed the list option and mentioned that the Sunrise App synchs all calendars in whatever device you may use.

Michael then reviewed in-service days. October 29 Staff reviewed report cards new formats; November 26 the staff worked on respectful communication and rapport with students and with each other and they worked on staff connection, and on December 19 they reviewed Alaska Measures Progress testing, which the students got to try out today.

Michael then reviewed benchmark assessment data with EdPerformance handout showing general progress without singling out grade levels to protect privacy. Michael explained that she had sat down with individual students to show them their test results and explain the results; she compared previous results with students, asked students how they felt their effort was, and showed them improvements from the past testing period. Shannon explained that parents can get individual students test scores from teachers. Michael then handed out examples of AIMS Web and MCAp test and showed an overview of

progress from testing in the fall to the winter. She explained that these tests are mainly used to assess whether there is a red flag for any of the students. Michael said to see the amount of growth in performance says a lot about the teachers. There are good things happening in the classrooms.

Michael then announced that Heidi has resigned Heidi has sent out an email asking for input on what parents are looking for in a new secretary. Michael also handed out a paper form for parents who would rather write down their thoughts. Heidi's last day will be February 17 and Michael would like to get somebody new in as soon as possible. Michael explained that HR said that once a new person is hired they can start immediately learning some from Heidi before she leaves and hopefully having some time to go to Soldotna for some training. There was a brief discussion about the gaming permit and the fact that it is in Heidi's name. It was decided that the new secretary would be asked to take this on and take the training involved with holding a gaming permit. Michael would like parent input on the new secretary as soon as possible as she would like to close the position on Friday, Feb. 6.

Tommy gave the teachers report explaining that he and Shannon have been looking at a couple of different options for the end of the year field trip and they would like to know what parents think. Tommy has looked into a trip to a science center a couple of bays over from Peterson Bay. It's a dorm style facility with a science lab; the cost is \$175 per person for two nights, and one night would take \$50 off the cost per person. This is more expensive than the Peterson Bay trip. Many possibilities were talked over from another Fjords tour to a night at the Sea Life Center, to a day trip to Halibut Cove, to a train trip. AI: Shannon will look into Train trip; Whistle Stop. AI: Tommy will look into a trip to Halibut Cove. Heather Pearson mentioned that the beginning of May was better than the end of May for a big trip. A trip to Whittier also came up as a possibility as Tommy mentioned that we would be sharing a skiing day with their school and we might learn of a good trip in that direction. The discussion ended with a decision to revisit the trip idea at the next meeting.

Heather Pearson announced the treasurer's report: we have \$6,274.45 with no expenses since the last meeting and \$687.75 donated from Community School representing moneys made at the Holiday Saturday Market.

There was then a discussion about the May 9 Saturday Market. It was agreed that the goal should be to replace the amount usually made at the St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser.

AI: Shannon will look into crafts for the students to make and sell. AI: Susanna will look into cost of grow lab for the students to grow and sell plant starts. AI: Michael will look into funding to pay for grow lab. There will be a May Saturday Market organizing meeting at the school at 9 a.m. on March 18.

Heather Harrison briefly mentioned that she would like for some of the PAC funds to be spent treating students on field trips and thereby supporting the community in which the field trip is taking place. Everyone agreed that this was a great idea.

Virginia asked everyone to mark their calendars for a Community School event that she has organized a Polar Winds Concert will be held at the school March 19 at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.