



## Cooper Landing School

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*“Specialists in Quality Learning”*

### **Minutes: PAC Meeting, November 12, 2013, 9 AM**

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

If anyone needs their contact information on the school messenger changed, let Heidi know.

We have a grant (\$600) that we will use to take the students to cultural events in 2014. We chose that K-12 will attend Black Violin, Friday March 21, 12:00 PM performance, in Anchorage, at \$8.00/ticket. Ms. Ryan is researching a show just for the older students, perhaps West Side Story in January, maybe the Addams Family in February, maybe something through TBA Theatre. Tickets are likely to be \$30+, and the show will probably be weekend or evening so the students don't miss their Polycom classes. The Ugly Duckling was proposed for just the younger students, but because it is in December 2013 it doesn't qualify for the grant money.

Heather Harrison also proposed considering gymnastics again this year, one day per week for six weeks. With two teachers the older students wouldn't have to go if they don't want to. In the past the students paid \$20 each and the school paid the difference. There are currently 8 students K-5, so two cars would be necessary... something to think about.

The PAC balance is \$2,949.25. The Community Schools just issued a check to PAC for \$1021.00. This is from \$60 for cupcakes and \$80 for soup from the most recent Second Saturday Market, plus proceeds from previous Second Saturday Markets. Thanks for Heather Pearson for spearheading the transfer of funds. The Community Schools is hoping for consistent participation from PAC members at the Markets. There are about six per year. (New PAC fund balance is \$3970.25)

We were reminded of our discussion in September regarding field trips, that when you request a ticket it is a COMMITMENT to attend. The school lost about \$300 in unused tickets last year, mostly from parents and family members who requested a ticket but did not attend.

We will know more by Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the arrival of the limbs for swags. They are currently expected to arrive on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to help with assembly, probably on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, perhaps Friday, depending on arrival. Everyone will be informed of the arrival and assembly dates as they are verified.

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, is the Christmas program this year. The date was chosen to not conflict with the Moose Pass program. Susanna is heading the program. Instead of a play, the students will do a short presentation, each of the 14 students presenting a letter to spell "Merry Christmas", with a short piece to recite about the letter and its meaning. There will also be a few songs: The Christmas Song, The Holly and the Ivy, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas. The preschool kids will be part of the last two songs, wearing reindeer antlers. Virginia will play the piano.

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> is an early release day, at 1:30. There is no school on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The piano recital is on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please attend to help the students have an audience.

December 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day of school for students, until January 6<sup>th</sup>. December 20<sup>th</sup> is an in-service day. We will do as much Christmas party cleanup as we can on the 19<sup>th</sup>, Tommy will talk to Shayla about doing any final cleaning on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder: send your child with warm winter clothes for recess.

Ms. Hanson informed everyone that the district has proposed a new Pupil-to-Teacher-Ratio (PTR) to help balance the budget, but that it won't be affecting Cooper Landing School.

Ms. Hanson also passed out information on the Alaska Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics. Everyone got a copy.

In a recap of the September PAC meeting (minutes were lost), Ms. Hanson also talked again about how attendance is an easy way to improve our star rating as a school. When students will be gone for extended periods for vacation, etc., something can maybe be put together to qualify them for attendance in some way, like Skype, etc.

We acknowledged the recognition Cooper Landing School received in being one of the top 7 schools in the district, and one of the top 49 in the state. Great job!

Jessica Larsen also did a recap of Tallis' peanut allergy from the September meeting. He may be allergic to all nuts. There are EpiPens at the school in case Tallis gets exposed to an allergen and starts wheezing or gets a hacking cough or severe stomach pain. Hold off on treating just hives or skin rashes and administering Benadryl unless he's very uncomfortable, then just a minimal dose. Jessica will do a presentation to all the students, reminding them to wash hands after eating peanuts, wipe up the table well after lunch, etc.

Our next meeting dates are:

December 10

January 14

February 11

March 4 (first Tuesday to not be during Spring Break)

April 8

May 6 (first Tuesday to not be so close to school end)

Last day of school for students is May 21, last day for teachers is May 22.

Heidi will email us as we finalize a count of T-shirts from last year, and the earnings summary. There are probably 9 at Sunrise, 2 at the grocery store, and some still at the school.

Meeting adjourned. (There was post-meeting discussion of gymnastics logistics, bussing to school.)

Minutes taken by Jessica Larsen