



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 12:30pm

ROLL CALL

Heather recorded attendance of PAC members.

Full attendance: Kathy Recken, Virginia Morgan, Jessica Larsen, Susanna LaRock, Melissa Fish, Heather Harrison, Laura Johnson, Crystal Rumer, Doug Hayman, Tommy Gossard, William Greene, Andzelika Greene

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Susanna requested that we add School Messenger to new business. There was a motion to do so, which was seconded. Voting was in favor.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The last meeting was August 10 about the bylaws and any revisions needed. There was a motion to approve the minutes as written, which was seconded. Voting was in favor.

ADDITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Heather described the activities and duties of the PAC, and explained the commitments a PAC member makes. Crystal, Melissa, William and Andzelika were invited to consider membership. Melissa Fish committed to being a PAC member.

REPORTS

Principal's report

Mr. Hayman introduced himself to the group. This is his second year in Cooper Landing as principal. He enjoys building positive relationships with the students, usually baking when he comes. He also introduced Miss Emily as the new paraeducator. He also informed us that Shane Farley will be the new custodian; Shane's currently going through employment processing.

He reported that the bad news at district level is always budget. He tries to shield us from what we don't need to know. Our superintendant has been good at reducing the administration and consolidating

duties (work load is still there, even though fewer people). So some things at the district office will move slower for a while. Next year won't get any better budget-wise. Regardless, we are still the best district in the state for leadership. KPBSD is a step ahead in doing things that need to be done. The other school districts look to us as an example. Cooper Landing School itself is also a model for other places.

The good news is we have lots of new students this year. Cooper Landing has world class field trips; the students get to do stuff they will talk about as adults and look for their children to have in school. We are not a normal school - we are exceptional.

Mr. Hayman stated that he is working with Community Schools on issues surrounding use of the building, trying to make it work better.

Cooper Landing uses polycom and other distance learning services to provide classes for older children. This distance learning is now a district-level initiative, so bigger schools are more likely to open up their doors to students from the smaller schools, using the Canvas learning management system. We can always give kids books and instruction, but you can't make up for the questions other students ask without distance learning like we have.

Mr. Hayman praises the PAC for being highly functional. Proud to be here with this organization as we exemplify how it is supposed to be.

Teacher's Report

Soccer: Moose Pass is ready to schedule a game. He will try for next Friday the 16th during the school day, most likely in Moose Pass. (Later in the day: The game is at 2 pm on Friday, the 16th. We will be leaving Cooper Landing School at 1:15 pm, in order to get there and get ready on time. We will finish up in Moose Pass and head back to Cooper Landing at 3pm. Everyone will need to sign permission slips, and we will need drivers. If you are willing and able to drive your own students and/or other students, please let Susanna know.) We will also have a practice on Wednesday the 14th, 1:45-2:45, during the in-service. For now soccer practice will be scheduled week-by-week.

This week: library on Friday the 9th, (bring due books to put in the basket at school), speech teacher to screen kindergartners also on Friday, school psychologist will be here doing group work on behavior Friday too. The psychologist will be coming once a month.

Photos are scheduled for the morning of Monday, September 12th.

Fishing trip is schedule for Tuesday, September 13th. Susanna is coordinating equipment needed, and has paperwork for all the parents.

The gym in Soldotna wants to reconsider having Cooper Landing students come for gymnastics, so Mr. Gossard will call to try to renegotiate cost to see if it will be economical in comparison to Anchorage. In discussing which students would participate, probably K-4 would attend, and 5th grade is optional based on student interest.

Parent Teacher Conferences are Thursday and Friday, October 27-28. Wednesday, October 26th is early release.

Thursday, November 3rd, noon, the students will be going to Anchorage to see the *Lightening Thief* play at the Center for Performing Arts.

Saturday, November 19, is the Holiday Market, our big PAC fund-raiser.

For Thanksgiving, Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 there is no school, and there is early release on Wednesday, November 23.

Friday, December 2, at the Center for the Performing Arts, the students will be seeing the *360 AllStars*.

The question was brought up if we want to add anything on to those Anchorage trips? For instance, the rock gym is now new and improved, and there is a new trampoline park. These decisions would be made later.

We have 18 students at the school this year. Naomi and Noah will leave in November or December to return home to Hawaii.

AI: Parents must get onto website and fill out volunteer application if they want to participate as chaperones or volunteers of any kind throughout the school year. It takes longer than in the past due to a new background check company and less staffing at district office. It takes 5-10 minutes to submit it, and 5-10 days to go through.

Treasurer's report

The balance is \$9655.45. There has been a deposit of \$95.50 to the gaming account from the Equinox Run raffle last year that was not deposited correctly at first. (That was the total earnings for the raffle.) There will also be an extra \$80 from community schools for an extra donation for Deb Carlson as an above-and-beyond elf.

NEW BUSINESS

School messenger

Let Susanna know how you want to receive messages: texts, calls, emails, which number, etc.

Bylaws

The changes proposed at the August meeting were reviewed. Some were grammatical and spelling. Some about notice required for meetings and changes for better efficiency and practicality. Most importantly is the addition of the confidentiality statement that we all must agree with.

There was a movement to approve the bylaws as amended, which was seconded. Voting was in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Equinox Run

Very few runners have signed up yet, but this is not unexpected as many people register on-site. It's well advertised. It does not take a lot of volunteers, but we still need help: Registration tables (2+), timers (Brad and Ann Hanson volunteered), trail care (Tommy), sit at turnaround (Laura in banana suit). Susanna will ask Theo & Janette, Sandra & Ed, also Alison Rein and Norm (new at Senior Housing). Anyone who wants to run, can still help at registration and then run. We all need to help advertise to our friends. We have posters that we can put up around the Peninsula. Historically we have more and more people each year doing it. There was no one interested in managing the raffle this year – a lot of work, not much return. Expecting that community members will be happy to help, Susanna and Virginia will coordinate to put in on Crier.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 12:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28pm.