



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting 2.22.2017

Called to order at 12:35 pm

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Agenda:

Approved as written

Reading and Approval of Minutes (and review of action items):

Regarding the action item about inviting community members to sign up for volunteer reading help:

Don Johnson just filled out his volunteer application so he can come in and help with reading

There is general interest whenever it is brought up, but almost no one commits.

AI: Susanna will send out a Crier message, with specific days and times that need to be filled regularly with volunteer reading helpers

The minutes were approved as written.

Addition of New Members:

No potential members were present.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Hayman could not be in attendance, did not have a report.

Teacher's Report:

Alaska Coastal Studies will send someone on April 7th at 9 am to go over some lessons in prep for the Kasitsna Bay field trip. There are booklets about the Science Center and the field trip available at www.akcoastalstudies.org, Mr. Gossard will also print them out for parents who want them. There is very useful information in the booklet that everyone should read. It includes sample itineraries.

There are 18 students attending, 7 total adults including Mr. Gossard. Splitting costs as planned, each adult (except Mr. Gossard) needs to pay \$89. The total cost to the PAC for the 18 students (minus the \$20/student fee due from parents) and the 7 adults (minus the \$89/adult fee) is \$3271. This will come from the PAC account.

There will be 25 total people to transport and feed. PAC will also pay for food. We need a separate meeting just for adult attendees and others who want to help, to plan the food. Everyone going needs to fully participate in the food planning and preparation. This meeting is scheduled on March 24 at 9am.

Reminder that all field trip money is due by the 22nd, \$89 per adult, \$20 per student.

On another note, there have been some kinks getting an artist in residence - Mr. Gossard has wanted to get Kathy Recken to teach pottery, but there are some logistical hurdles for supplies and payment. This is still maybe a possibility. We have wanted a performance artist to come. **AI:** Jessica offered to contact TBA Theatre out of Anchorage, to find out about their in-school teaching programs and their willingness to work with an Access Grant.

Heather brought up a question of doing swimming lessons. No decisions were made, but it can be considered.

In discussing any desire for a field trip at the beginning of next school year, the idea of an overnight in the Sealife Center and a Fjords Tour was well received, and is easy to manage and of reasonable cost. There are grants through KMTA to do school field trips in this area. Mr. Gossard is looking into KMTA, to see if this can apply.

It was noted that the school fishing trip is on September 13 next school year.

Treasurer's Report:

\$8710.27 is current total, with skiing already paid. After Kasitsna Bay tuition fees, we will have an estimated \$5439.27. The field trip food costs will come out of that total.

School Garden:

Things are growing, Susanna and the students planted some seeds last Thursday, and they are coming up now. More planted yesterday. Deb Carlson agreed that it is a great idea for the school to do flowers for the cemetery and community hall, and gave some ideas. Susanna does not have flower growing knowledge, she welcomes any advice. She may need to ask for help to check on the plants during spring break, but other than that, she has it covered.

Kasitsna Bay Trip:

Covered mostly in teacher's report. **AI:** Susanna will send a reminder email that all attendee payments are due by March 22. She will also send emails about the food planning meeting to be held on Friday, March 24 at 9 am. Any adults who are going on the trip but do not attend the meeting will be given food assignments to fulfill, so attendance is highly encouraged.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 12:30 pm at the school (fourth Wednesday, not second)

Adjournment at 1:18.