



Cooper Landing School Parent Advisory Committee

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PAC Meeting Minutes 8.29.2018

Called to order at 12:41pm

Roll call:

Kathy Recken, Douglas Hayman, Susanna LaRock, Jessica Larsen, Virginia Morgan, Tommy Gossard, Heather Harrison

Approval of Agenda:

Kathy would like to talk about her position on the board. Also, under new business, to discuss doing something for Nick LeMieux, and Virginia wants to discuss the Holiday Market under new business as well.

Also need to move discussion of Susanna's forms to before the election.

Agenda with above amendments was approved.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

The action items from the minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Motion seconded and passed.

Addition of New Members:

No potential new members were present.

School Forms:

All the districtwide forms are online this year. If parents choose to go online and fill them out, that's great, or Susanna can print them out if anyone wants paper forms. She has not received much feedback about this, so she is assuming most people did not even read the letter about it that she included with the student packet. She is thinking of just giving everyone paper forms. Virginia commented that since it is a big change, that individually talking to each parent would be effective, to let them know about the online option. Also to offer a computer in the office to do it there, so they can learn how to use PowerSchool. It was noted that it is very important to learn how to use Power School as students get older. **AI:** Susanna will talk to parents individually about the availability of online forms and will be happy to have parents do it in the office on a school computer.

Election of Board Members:

No nominations for officers were received during the nomination period.

Jessica said that she is not committed to being in Cooper Landing over the winter, and another person should be ready to step into her position whenever she becomes unavailable.

Susanna moved that all the officers stay in their current positions, with a note that the secretary requests to be replaced as soon as possible. This was seconded. Voting was unanimous in favor.

Community Member Position:

Kathy feels that she has been neglectful, not a good board member, because she is generally gone all winter, and plans to keep traveling. If the board is okay with her being a member en absentia, she will stay on, but fully supports the board wanting to put someone else in the position.

Back when Kathy joined the board, we never really opened it up to the community to see if anyone else wanted to participate in that role. Tommy has some volunteers that might be happy to do it, and other community members could be a great asset. For instance, Marilyn Gravenhorst is a retired school teacher, here all winter. JB Weber is also a retired teacher. Perhaps instead of putting it on the Crier, personal invitations from Tommy would be appropriate. He could also invite Jan Mitchell, Ed and/or Sandra Holsten, Deb Carlson, MaryPat Montana, Chris Degernes. **AI:** Tommy will discuss the position with the people mentioned. He should mention that there are just four meetings a year.

Review of Bylaws:

Bylaw changes were reviewed: they were small changes, interested parties may refer to the document that will be distributed with the minutes.

A motion was made to pass the amendments, which was seconded, and passed.

We also reviewed the confidentiality agreement, which is part of the bylaws, and the same that we signed in our volunteer applications.

Kathy recommended that when/if a new community member come on to the PAC, that we emphasize the confidentiality agreement with them. They may not have full respect for its importance.

Principal's report:

Parents need to make sure we get approved as volunteers to help at school or go on field trips. The process takes up to two weeks.

Mid-October meeting on district finance will be broadcast so that anyone can participate, or attend in Soldotna.

New staff in all the schools that he administers. Happy with the job that Krissy is doing as he has observed today.

Teacher's report:

Mr. Gossard inquired if we want to do gymnastics and/or swimming this year. We liked the swimming last spring, good timing for it just before summer water sports, also good for the attention and activity level at end of school. Community members expressed pleasure too, general consensus it is valuable.

Gymnastics? K-3 or K-5? Probably include 5th, which makes for 10 kids. Should we do it in Anchorage or Soldotna? The UAA coach in Anchorage is amazing, even though the drive is longer. Soldotna has new owners AGAIN. Was in turmoil last year, but Mr. Gossard will check in on it, to lay out some options.

Mr. Gossard applied for excursion grants to go to the performing art shows. But not too happy with the options of shows at AJT. Black violin at the Center for the Performing Arts is a repeat, but we could split up, do the black violin for the younger kids, another show for older kids so they don't see it twice. But the black violin show has probably changed their show since last time, could be valuable for everyone to go. We also discussed some big shows, but it would take weekends or evenings to do it. Nutcracker or Sound of Music are on the table. The PAC was in favor of attending one big show. The museum is also included in the art grant. There are some good things coming to the museum.

Field trip ideas to consider: Alaska Native Heritage Center, Seward boat tour, Chena Hot Springs. We need to think about these options and bring research and possibilities to the next meeting.

Soccer: The students are learning basic skills during the day here, interested in going to Moose Pass for a game during the day, maybe Friday.

September 12 is the annual fishing trip! If parents want to participate, they have to put in their volunteer applications NOW.

Treasurer's report:

Balance is \$6367.48. The only change since last year is \$434.46, which includes a \$20 garden donation, a \$24 late yearbook payment, and \$390.46 from softball concessions.

New Business:

Holiday market is on November 17 this year. ADN is requesting listings, \$9.99. Approved to make that expense.

Nick LeMieux: It would be more than appropriate for the school to sponsor a plaque or memorial of some sort to acknowledge his math and science help over the years. Maybe involve the kids in a project, not just put up a plaque – like refinishing a playground bench and memorializing him on it. Perhaps a photo collage in the gym. Mr. Hayman has the ability to get us a photo collage made and printed – we just send him the photos, any size. **AI:** Susanna and Tommy work with students to find pictures, send to Mr. Hayman to get a collage printed, with wording of anything we want to say. Mr. Hayman said timeliness is appropriate, but not in a rush. Nice if it is here before Halloween Parade, do an unveiling at the event where he was always a feature as the Big Bad Wolf.

Next meetings:

October 17 @ 12:30pm

November 7 @ 12:30pm

February 20 @ 12:30pm

April 10 @ 12:30pm

Adjournment at 1:36pm

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