

PAC Meeting Minutes April 10, 2019

Roll Call: Present at the meeting were Thomas Gossard, Virginia Morgan, Tanisha Walters, Rachel Sullivan, Melissa Fish, JB Weber, and Heather Harrison.

Approval of Agenda: Amendment added by Virginia, school advocacy, New Business b). Amendment added by Heather, Snail-a-Thon, New Business c). Amendment added by Rachel, Teacher Appreciation, New Business d). Amended Agenda motioned and approved.

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes motioned, and approved.

New Members: None

Reports of Officers:

Principal: Report from Borough: Doug Hayman was not in attendance, no report given.

Teacher:

Handout, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District School Consolidation Information presented. By May 6th the district will have a decision about which schools will be closing. Six schools have been listed for possible closing and consolidation for '19-'20 school year. Cooper Landing School was in the study, but was not recommended for consolidation at this time.

Calendar: Challenger Center for grades 5-10, April 16 & 17. 6 students attending. Cost is \$300, \$228 raised from Papa John's student fundraiser. Voted and approved that remaining \$72 be paid for with PAC funds.

April 23rd, K-5 will go to Hope school to see porcupine with Forest Service

April 30th, Whole school will have music program, led by Roberta, from 2:45-3:15.

May 7-9, Swim lessons in Seward

May 10th-Grey Whale viewing field trip. All students paid for and Tommy and Krissy. Cost of the boat is \$ 768.30. Additional chaperones will pay \$72.00 plus tax. Tommy will let us know who is going and how much is due. PAC voted and approved to pay half of the cost for chaperones' tickets.

May 17th- Field trip planned, Alaska Zoo and climbing wall in Anchorage. \$15 for chaperones to enter zoo. \$350 for climbing wall. School has a remaining balance of \$660 of donation to be used this year. Balance will be used to fund this field trip. Tommy will advise how much is not covered by grant and owed by chaperones.

May 20th- Written and Illustrated, Kindergarten Graduation, Youth Group movie presentation.

Next year's kindergarten class orientation date to be announced. Tommy will advise which day.

May 22nd- Last day of school picnic. Cooper Landing is hosting.

Next school year field trip-Potentially planning trip to Spencer Glacier, train and kayak trip with Alaska Rivers Company, for August 16th, or around that time. Tommy is working on a grant to pay for part of the trip. Will vote via e-mail as information becomes available.

Discussion turned to how we can best advocate for education at the Borough and State levels.

The KPB assembly will be meeting at 6pm on Tuesday in Seward. They will be taking public testimony on their proposed FY20 school district budget. The main message to the Borough Assembly is maximum funding/"Funding to the Cap" for the school district, and support of the School Board's proposed budget. Our district 6 assembly member is Ken Carpenter. If you're sending an email, send it to all the assembly members and the mayor. Info is attached and below. You can listen to the meeting live at <https://www.kbbi.org/>.

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly:

District 1 – Kalifornsky: Brent Hibbert bhibbert@kpb.us

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District 3 – Nikiski: Wayne Ogle wogle@kpb.us

District 4 – Soldotna: Dale Bagley dbagley@kpb.us

District 5 – Sterling/Funny River: Norm Blakely nblakeley@kpb.us

District 6 – East Peninsula: Ken Carpenter kcarpenter@kpb.us

District 7 – Central: Paul Fischer pfischer@kpb.us

District 8 – Homer: Kelly Cooper kellycooper@kpb.us

District 9 – South Peninsula: Willy Dunne wdunne@kpb.us

Mayor Charlie Pierce cpierce@kpb.us

Senator Micciche has requested that people call in on Friday, April 12, from 3:30-5pm, to testify on how you feel about Governor Dunleavy's budget. Call 844-586-9085 to comment on Dunleavy's budget.

Ben Carpenter, our state representative, has not appeared to be supportive of education funding. We need to be contacting him, as well, to let him know the importance of investing in education. Include Senator Micciche in those emails, though he does seem to be supportive of education.

Representative Carpenter: Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov

Senator Micciche: Senator.Peter.Micciche@akleg.gov

Talking points were requested. We'll try to come up with something soon.

If you haven't already, check out Great Alaska Schools. <https://www.greatalaskaschools.com/get-involved.html>

Treasurer's Report: PAC fund balance is \$7510.10

Unfinished Business:

Have heard nothing from Katie about the logo. Will put it on the agenda for next PAC meeting.

Heather and Virginia will continue to work together to cover empty secretary position.

PAC meeting schedule will be determined at next PAC meeting. Potentially Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

New Business:

June 3rd- Softball concessions fundraiser, parent volunteers are Rachel Sullivan and Melissa Fish along with Heather Harrison. Heather will attend required orientation. Gossard family will be out of town.

Snail-a-thon is scheduled for May 18th. Heather will not be able to attend, but will help organize. Rachel asked what the purpose of the Snail-a-thon is and the history and meaning was discussed. It was discussed whether the PAC should continue to host and organize the event. For this year it was agreed that the PAC will hold the Snail-a-thon. Rachel and Melissa volunteered to help and Heather will contact them later regarding work to be done. Heather will contact Susanna about whether she would like to help organize the checkers. Snail-a-Thon responsibilities are attached.

Teacher Appreciation day is sometime early May and Rachel would like to plan something. No one volunteered to head this up.

Rachel and Melissa left the meeting.

Tommy told us about an opportunity for sophomore students to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar on May 25th. Gary Wertz, the school counselor, has recommended that a sophomore at Cooper Landing School attend, whenever we have a student in that grade. This is held in Anchorage and the cost is \$225. It was voted and approved that PAC will pay for any sophomore student to attend, this year and in the future.

Next PAC Meeting:

Next PAC meeting is scheduled for August 13th at 6:00pm.