

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
 Title VI Advisory Committee Meeting  
 October 19th, 2020  
 Via Distance on Zoom, Soldotna, Alaska

**AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome and call to order: Meeting called to order at 2:05 P.M. by Rachel Pioch, facilitator in Dr. Ermold's absence.
- 2) Statement of Title VI Grant Purpose: The purpose of the Title VI grant is to provide supplemental supports for Alaska Native and Native American students for a successful experience throughout K-12 schooling years through prioritized targeted assistance.
- 3) Committee Purpose: The purpose of the Title VI Advisory Committee is to provide guidance to KPBSD regarding Title VI program priorities that translates into the KPBSD Plan of Service for the Title VI program.
- 4) Roll was taken by each person introducing him/herself.

Parent/Elder/Guardian Representatives:

Seat Held	Name	Present
Seat A - Region 1 (Tyonek, Niksiki, Kenai) Through FY21	Michael Bernard	Present
Seat B - Region 2 (Sterling and Soldotna) Through FY21	Bonnie Pierce	Present
Seat C - Region 3 (Seward, Moose Pass, Cooper Landing, Hope) Through FY21	Rebecca Dixon	Present
Seat D - Region 4 (Niniilchik, Anchor Point, Homer) Through FY22	Danielle Self	Present
Seat E - Region 5 (Seldovia, Nanwalek, Port Graham) Through FY 22	Kilann Tanape	Excused
Seat F - At-large (any region) Through FY22	Winter Marshall-Allen	Present

Student Representatives:

Seat G - At-large, filled annually	Esther Joseph (Connections)	Excused
Seat H - At-large, filled annually	Koda Poulin (KCHS and Connections)	Present

Staff Representatives:

Seat I - At-large, filled annually	Natali Jones	Excused
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Board of Education Representative:

Seat J - At-large, filled annually	Penny Vadla	Present
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- Staff Present:
 

Rachel Pioch	KPBSD - Title VI Specialist
Tim Vlasak	KPBSD - Director of Schools and Compliance
Pamala Potter	KPBSD - Principal; Tebughna School
Jane Beck	Project Grad
Jennifer Freeman	Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leaders
Patti Truesdell	KPBSD - Board of Education

- Public Present:
 

Eric Watson	Cook Inlet Tribal Council
Grace Coles	FabLab Manager at CITC
Vide Kroto	Tebughna Foundation

5) Nominations, Committee Vacancy Process, Voting, Election of Chair/Vice Chair

- Danielle Self, Kilann Tanape, and Winter Marshall-Allen were seated on the committee as parent/elder/guardian representatives.
- Esther Joseph and Koda Poulin were seated as student representatives.
- Danielle Self was elected chair and Winter Marshall-Allen was elected as vice chair.

6) Updates on Programs and Partnerships:

- Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leaders (Jennifer Freeman)
  - Jennifer Freeman discussed this year's theme: medicine bags. KPNYL has 51 new students signed up so far this year. Most meetings are done via ZOOM, with some in-person meetings being held when safe. All 281 Title VI students in grades 9-12 were invited to join this year. In addition, Jennifer said that they will be working on a year long project of a KPNYL yearbook.
- Project Grad Kenai Peninsula (Jane Beck)
  - Project Grad serves Nanwalek, Port Graham, Tebughna, and Ninilchik Schools. This year they are working with students in grades 8-12, specifically in helping them shape their future by individual student planning sessions, offered remotely. With the recent tragedy in Nanwalek, much time and support has been dedicated to Nanwalek and Port Graham.
- CITC and Tebughna School Maker Space (Grace Coles, School Staff)
  - Grace Coles shared an update on the MakerSpace at Tebughna schools grant funded through CITC. The FabLab team was able to travel to Tyonek and hold a drum making workshop.
  - Three more schools are needed for the MakerSpace program. Schools should have a higher Title VI population and be K-6, although lessons can be used with older students. Schools should be in the CITC region; for KPBSD that means from Hope down to Seldovia. In addition, they just received a Dept. of Defense grant that is for MakerSpace programs in grades K-8.
- Tebughna School Language Program (Vide Kroto)
  - Vide Kroto spoke about the language program at Tebughna School. She meets with students via Zoom weekly. Students are learning introductory phrases in

the Upper Inlet Dena'ina dialect. She has also received funding for this year's language program and a language apprentice based in Tyonek.

- Title VI Programs for 20-21 (Rachel Pioch)
  - Scholarship and Career Supports for Title VI Students
    - CIRI Foundation Education Resources Handbook for Title VI senior high students is coming in as part of our new endeavor for our post secondary planning. Plans are underway for getting these resources and planning materials out to students.
  - Upstream Academy updates
    - Our regular 5-day, Upstream Academies will not be held until further notice. In the meantime, plans are underway for one-day school site based academies focusing on hypochlorous acid and neuroscience once it is prudent to do so.
  - Indigenous Content for Curriculum
    - With Curriculum Dept. funds, CITC's Cultural Handbooks were purchased for all 3rd grade students. In addition, books from Sealaska and Inhabit media were purchased for 3rd grade classrooms as part of the district AK Studies materials. A website of additional indigenous content was created for 3rd grade AK studies. A high school version of that site is in the works.
      - [Elementary AK Studies Website](#)
  - KPBSD Native Ed. Facebook changes
    - The former KPBSD Native Education Facebook page is now the KPNYL Facebook page. Title VI now has their own [Facebook Page](#).

7) Change to bylaws (Rachel Pioch)

- Bylaws were changed to reflect our meeting frequency, from four times a year to three times a year. Bylaws will now read:  
The KPBSD Title VI Advisory Committee shall meet a minimum of three times a year with special effort publicizing what is to take place at each meeting so that program providers and stakeholders can participate more effectively.

8) FY20 Participation Numbers Update and Certification

- KPBSD has 913 students enrolled in the Title VI program and 8,029 students district-wide as of 10/15/2020. This is a drop in students proportional with the drop in students district-wide due to COVID.

School Year	Title VI Students	District Enrollment
Fall 20-21	913	8,029
Fall 19-20	1,069	8,802

9) FY21 Title VI Priorities (identified last spring) and Budget Update

- Title VI Federal funds for this year are: \$399,351 and support 1 Specialist, 3 tutors, and the following Title VI priorities: KPNYL, Scholarship and Career Supports for Title VI Students, Upstream, all other Title VI Programming.

- 10) Public Comments (any guest may comment with a limit of approximately 3 minutes)
  - Winter Marshall-Allen shared that NIEA, National Indian Education Association, has a series of culturally responsive lessons.
  - Patti Truesdell expressed her gratitude for all of the work the program partners are doing and mentioned that Hope School's student numbers have increased as well as their Title VI student
  - Penny Vadla shared that while KPBSD did not receive the Alaska Association of School Board Grants for SEL (Social Emotional Learning) and Peer to Peer supports, she is hopeful that the grants will drop again and we'll be able to apply for them in the future. A grant funding masks for our district was awarded to our district.
  
- 11) Next meeting date: Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 3:00 P.M., location TBD.
  
- 12) Meeting adjourned at 3:42 P.M.