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DATE: July 2, 2008
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Donna Peterson, Ed.D. *Donna Peterson*
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Site Council Evaluations

In accordance with Board Policy 0420, site councils from each school submit an end of the year report reflecting activities throughout the year. Attached are the reports from each school for the 2007-2008 school year. This report is also distributed to each site council chair and principal to assist with collaboration between schools.



Site Council Evaluations

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Dr. Donna Peterson, Superintendent
June 2008

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Site Council Annual Evaluation Form
Due to Superintendent by June 1.

School: _____

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

General Comments

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School: Chapman

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

8/29/07 (5), 10//29 (7), 1/31 ((20), 5/1 (7), 5/22 (22)

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Site Council reviewed 07 test data and the state's School Report Card, and learned about the intervention process and collaborative team model that was being used at Chapman. The School Development Plan was developed with the help of the site council.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

After school learning lab (funded by Title I). Discussions centered around homework help and tutoring.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Emergency Action Plan training, KPBSD Long Range Plan, Staffing, Declined enrollment, and money making efforts in Feb. with the Snow Rondi and the organizational spear heading for a Boy's and Girl's Club in Anchor Point.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Ongoing educational training in our educational software programs and new curriculum(s).

General Comments

Chapman Site Council continues to be tremendously dedicated, yet parent involvement continues to decline. These members are supportive of our staff and active and focused on maintaining a viable K-8 school even with diminishing enrollment.

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School: Connections Homeschool Program

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

October 11, 2007 - November 14, 2007 - January 28, 2008 - April 9, 2008

Approximate attendance rate was about 75%.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Connections Homeschool Program Site Council focused on meeting AYP and recommended that Connections staff provide interventions for students who are not proficient on SBA's. Connections has not met the federal AYP guideline for participation for the past 5 years. Significant improvement has occurred over the last 3 years and last year Connections missed AYP by one student. Current calculations indicate Connections will meet the AYP participation rate for 07-08.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The site council discussed and recommended that the Connections staff continue to focus on raising achievement for non-proficient students. Specifically, the staff looked at students who had been proficient at one time and are currently not proficient in one or more of the SBA subject area's. The staff generated a focus group of non-proficient students and met with the students and families. Connections staff provided parents with workshops, coaching about teaching, curriculum alignment, teaching to standards and monitoring throughout the school year.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The site council recommended that a fall and spring customer service satisfaction survey be administered. Connections utilized an online survey tool to easily administer a survey to the families. Over 200 surveys were completed and over-all customer satisfaction with Connection is over 90%. The site council recommended that the administration evaluate standard operating procedures regarding homeschool students in our secondary schools. The site council reviewed the Connections Handbook and made suggestions for revision. The site council expressed that they would like to see Connections have a homeschool parent liaison employed by Connections. Connections primary competitor has a homeschool parent liaison that provides a "homeschool parent" perspective on issues and coordinates parent activities. Parents have indicated a strong interest in being able to visit with a "homeschool parent employee" about homeschooling. Connections has been told by

some parents that they would not make the switch to Connections because they like to have access to their "homeschool parent liaison". As a result of this information, Connections will explore the possibility of having a homeschool parent liaison.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Years ago state-wide correspondence programs served a purpose by serving homeschool students in districts that did not offer a homeschool program. Today, many school districts offer exceptional district-wide homeschool programs like the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. Is it possible to eliminate state-wide correspondence programs from operating within the boundaries of school districts that operate viable and exceptional programs within their own boundaries?

General Comments

This is the third year that Connections Homeschool Program has had a site council. As an advisory to the administration, the site council has provided invaluable information and dialogue that has directly contributed to continued improvement and growth of the Kenai Peninsula Borough School Districts Homeschool Program. Connections saw a peak enrollment of over 1,000 students during the 07-08 school year. It should be noted that enrollment growth is not coming from our public schools. Annual reports indicate for every one student that comes to Connections from a public school one student leaves Connections and goes back to public school. Primary growth is from recapturing homeschool students from statewide correspondence programs. Connections expects to reduce their primary competitors enrollment by 11% to 14% for the 08-09 school year by continuing to provide the best homeschool program on the Kenai.

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**Homer Flex Alternative Governance Structure
Report to the KPBSD School Board
2007-2008**

The Homer Flex Alternative Governance Structure replaces the Site Council Annual Evaluation Form per KPBSD School Board Administrative Regulation AR 0420 which states that “a request can be made to the Superintendent to consider a substitute process for gathering information and assisting with site decisions.” Homer Flex has been granted this request.

Homer Flex Staff and Collaborating Agencies: Cook Inlet Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Students in Transition, The Center (mental health agency), Office of Children’s Services, Department of Juvenile Justice, Homer Public Health, Employers, Volunteer Parent /Adolescent Mediation Services, Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic, Seldovia Village Clinic, Kachemak Bay Campus/Kenai Peninsula College/UAA, Youth Job Training Program and Homer Job Center of the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Homer Food Pantry, Homer Police Department, Alaska State Troopers

Every week, the staff meets with at least two (sometimes more) representatives from the above agencies in order to gather information and assist with site decisions related to the education of our students in the academic, social/emotional, and vocational realms. We are in a constant state of adjusting our program toward the advice of these agencies for the increased success of our student population.

Minutes from these meetings are unavailable because they involve confidential information about students.

We have never been able to sustain parents on monthly basis for our attempts at the original site composition requirements. However, our parents are invited in whenever they want to communicate with the entire staff, at our mutual convenience. Their input and that of our students is taken very seriously on a regular basis. Certainly, our pilot this year toward a standards/performance-based high school has been fostered by our students’ and parents’ ongoing comments.

Our conversations this year focused on several school goals:

- Improvement of graduation rate
- Drug/alcohol concerns and their underlying mental health issues
- Standards/performance-based model of high school education

The topic discussed/acted upon that led most significantly to the improvement of student learning is the transition to a standards/performance-based high school model which we hope will improve graduation rate in the coming years, as well as increase student learning.

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School: Homer High School - School Year 2007 - 08

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

4 Sept 2007 - ~82 present
2 Oct 2007 - ~36 present
6 Nov 2007 - ~22 present
4 Dec 2007 - ~23 present
8 Jan 2008 - ~14 present
5 Feb 2008 - ~29 present
4 Mar 2008 - ~14 present
8 Apr 2008 - ~13 present
6 May 2008 - ~12 present

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

At the first meeting of the Homer High Site Council each year, school goals are a major topic of conversation. This year the high school staff already had met, during the in-service days preceding the first day of school, to formulate a proposed set of school goals based upon the school's test data. The proposed goals were presented, in rough form, to the Site Council. After some discussion, the Site Council unanimously approved the goals, which also were discussed at length in the year's second meeting. Since the goals focused upon school climate and test scores, reports that were presented and discussed throughout the year regarding the Focus on Learning (FOL) periods, Team FOL, and discipline had a direct bearing on achieving the goals. In particular, the Site Council requires a report from administration each month on the issues of harassment and drug and alcohol abuse. At least once each year the assistant principal covers the entire discipline program with the Site Council, and that has included a review of the Homer High Handbook Supplement.

One major project of the Site Council for 2007 - 08 was to pursue reinstatement of the Senior Service Graduation Project. Overall, the council expressed the view that the project provided a significant contribution to student development in several ways, and the project's contribution to an enhanced school climate was a part of that discussion.

Though the Site Council has not expressed an unalloyed support of NCLB and intense, high-stakes testing, Homer High's test scores and efforts to maintain excellent test scores have formed a large part of the reports of the administration to the Site Council and of the discussions that have followed the reports. (A perusal of the minutes of the Homer High Site Council, which are posted on-line at the school's Edline site, will reveal the length and frequency of these discussion.)

Another significant topic of discussion during the 2007 - 08 school year was the district's long-range plan. Because parent representatives from the Site Council attended the training and information session during which the plan was introduced, our entire Site Council was well informed and provided input into the new plan. This topic also relates directly to school-level goals.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

A large percentage of discussion time for the Site Council this year was devoted directly to school goals and to reinstatement of the Senior Service Graduation Project. Both topics are directly related to student learning and to achievement of the school-level goals. Regular discussion of these important topics keeps the attention of administrators and all other school personnel focused upon the school's main tasks. Such a process is a form of accountability, but it also is the kind of teamwork that enhances a school's ability to educate appropriately. Parent, staff, and student input into school processes is critical if the school is to reach its potential in serving students.

When the Senior Service Graduation Project was the major topic; parents, students, teachers, and administrators worked in harmony to create and present the proposal to the school board. One of the main reasons the project received such support is that it is seen as an important tool for increasing student learning in the areas of school climate and community involvement.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

At its February meeting, the Homer High Site Council worked with Dr. Donna Peterson to define the characteristics desired in a new principal. The council also provided input with regard to the questions to be asked of the candidates during the interview process. Site Council members also undertook to disseminate information regarding the principal selection process to the community.

As is required and customary, the Homer High Activity Fund Report was presented to the Site Council twice this year. The first presentation was pushed back to March by the principal selection process, and the second occurred at the May meeting.

Another topic dealt with by the council was the question of how to provide an appropriate opportunity for public comment during meetings. The group decided to make "Public Comment" a regular part of the agenda.

Homer High's Six-Year Study for the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools also was an important topic for the Site Council. Though it does not have to be completed until the fall, the preliminary steps have been taken and throughout the fall the Site Council will be involved in the process of completing the study.

The district's new health curriculum was the topic of one conversation. One of the council's parent representatives served on the district health curriculum committee and she brought a report to the council.

A lengthy report from Paul Story, who conducts the Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension (ATOSS) program in Homer, was entertained in the April meeting. He explained the program at length and answered questions from the Site Council. Several issues were raised and are under consideration in making the program work well for students and parents. One idea that was discussed involved implementing Youth Court within the high school. School administration will pursue this possibility for the 2008 - 09 school year.

Site Council also discussed School Food Service at three meetings. The consensus has been that more nutritional meals should be served, and the Site Council has great interest in pursuing this issue. School lunches will be a major item of discussion at the first Site Council meeting of the 2008 - 09 school year. The group expects to take action to have a significant impact on the quality of the food served to Homer High School students.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Homer High's Site Council is a well informed group overall, but the new and important topic of school lunches presents an excellent opportunity to provide information to the group regarding School Food Service procedures and budget. A district initiative to provide good information would enable all stakeholders in this issue to work together to resolve the matter in the best possible fashion.

A second critical issue about which the Site Council needs a regular feed of information concerns alternative education. By alternative education we refer to Connections, IDEA, on-line courses, and home schooling. These alternatives are having a dramatic effect on the high school by reducing the school population. Concerns about the quality of education provided by these entities also abound. Additional information and training could help the Site Council lead the way either in reducing the negative effects or in embracing the innovations and upgrading them.

General Comments

Homer High School's Site Council continues to be instrumental in the successful functioning of the school. A large number of issues is discussed and recommendations are issued on many of them. The relationships among parents, community, staff, and administration are dramatically enhanced by the interactions in Site Council. Because of the initiative of one teacher this year, attendance at Site Council and the interest level of students were enhanced considerably. If this kind of approach is employed more broadly next year and in succeeding years, the effect can only be positive. One result, too, is likely to be increased parent interest and involvement with Site Council.

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School: Homer Middle School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/13/07 - 9 in attendance
10/16/07 - 7 in attendance
11/20/07 - 9 in attendance
01/15/08 - 6 in attendance
02/12/08 - 10 in attendance
03/25/08 - 8 in attendance
04/09/08 - 16 in attendance
04/24/08 - 7 in attendance
05/15/08 - 18 in attendance

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The HMS Site Council:

- established priorities for and adopted school goals
- facilitated communication between parents and school
- promoted parent training
- evaluated progress on school goals

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The topic of promotion was one that was discussed by the site council that led indirectly to student learning. Often we focus on the main academic courses and only consider them when we discuss learning; however this topic was one that taught them about getting involved in decisions that affect them. During the course of the decision making process the student body was not present and not concerned about how decisions are made. When students were not pleased with a decision, they got involved and began to communicate about issues. We are hopeful that the student body will be more active in attending council meetings and the decision making process in the future.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

A sign that identifies our building as Homer Middle School
The dress code at activities.
How to improve communication between Homer Middle School and homes.
Hiring of the new principal.
Programmatic Staffing
Staffing and Scheduling
Activity accounts

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

The new members of the HMS Site Council would benefit from training regarding the role and purpose of the local council.

General Comments

HMS continues to have an active and engaged site council which continues to be supportive of the school, staff, and district administration.

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School: Hope School 2007-2008

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/20/07-5 10/16/07-5 11/15/07-4 12/14/07-6 1/24/08-5 2/28/08-4
3/12/08-15 4/5/08-5 5/8/08-7

*Note: There were no co-curricular activities monies to expend during this school term.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

At student request the Council addressed the issue of offering an “open campus” for high school students during the noon hour. By opting to provide this freedom to students who met the school’s academic and attendance criteria, the staff realized a commitment to improve completion of his/her assignments as the year progressed.

The Council also funded the travel costs for high school students to attend the Career Day event at KPC. All of our students attended and, in so doing, gained a clearer focus on what training would be required to be successful in reaching their post graduation goal.

With our school goal focusing on math, students were assessed periodically throughout the school year. Areas of strength permitted the instructor to focus more attention on mathematics areas that could be improved. Year end SBA scores indicate proficiency for most enrolled students.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Our PTSA continued to support healthy educational opportunities for enrolled students and community members by funding an after school yoga class taught by a qualified instructor who resides in Hope. This year-long offering not only provided a mental and physical fitness opportunity for participants, but enhanced the connection between the school and the community. There is no doubt that student participation in this class served to improve academic achievement in the classroom.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

In a small school setting, a PTSA is a much valued body when focusing on generating funding for school activities and/or educational field trips. Due to notification that the school would be opening again in 2008-09, only noticeable affect was a continued shortage of parent attendance at our meetings. The PTSA continued to fund raise by offering periodic bake sales, a book fair during the Christmas season, and the annual "Auction" on Saturday, March 8th. By so doing, the school was again able to provide field trip activities for all students to Seward and Anchorage during the course of the year. An extended field trip to the Mat-Su Valley for the school's enrollment was held in October, which was promised due to its cancellation the previous spring. Another year end trip to Sitka was scheduled in May, and proved to be a worthwhile experience for staff and students alike.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

None needed at this time.

General Comments

While member attendance for regularly scheduled monthly meetings was minimal, paid membership in this support organization remains strong. When KPBSD's Supt. attended the March meeting to gain public input as to the community's desires for principal services for the upcoming year, member attendance nearly tripled in number. Should closure of the school become a Board focus in 2008-09, there is little doubt that community support for the school will remain strong.

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School: Kachemak Selo School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/5, 10/24, 11/28, 12/12, 1/23, 2/27, 3/19, 4/16, We had an average of 7 parents per meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Discussed importance high school graduation and our efforts to help students achieve that goal. Reviewed the difficulties students experience taking correspondence courses. And the student use of computer at the school.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The site council approved the use of computers at the school and this allowed us to have students work on correspondence courses at the school where they could be monitored and supervised by the school staff. This also increased the number of courses we are able to offer.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Computers, playground equipment, staffing 08/09', attendance, safety concerns, and Importance of graduating.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Working on parental support for homework or supplemental programs.

General Comments

We had a very productive year.

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School: K-Beach Elementary School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

2007 – September 10 (8 attended), October 8 (9 attended), November 12 (7 attended);
2008 – January 14 (9 attended), February 11 (7 attended), March 10 (8 attended),
May 12 (8 attended)

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The K-Beach Site Council wanted to encourage programs and initiatives that supported our school development plan in terms of programs, staffing, and scheduling. The time spent generating feedback for the District's Long Range Plan was part of this feedback process. The Site Council was also interested in generating more input from students about programs and activities that would better meet their needs and motivate them to learn.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

K-Beach Site Council wants to continue to support appropriate class-sizes, specifically in the intermediate grades. Hiring high quality staff, supporting programs that meet all levels of student needs, creating a multi-age classroom that loops students, reviewing the District's school boundary policy and their input to the District's Long Range Plan were avenues in which the Site Council could voice their views and influence practices at K-Beach.

The Site Council is also interested in working more closely with the PTA and K-Beach Technology committee so that resources are used to support the K-Beach School Development Plan.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Significant topics discussed are: 1. Building Use Charge; 2. School Data, 3. School Development plan, 4. Professional Development, 5. New Math Programs, 6. Class-size in intermediate grades; 7. Technology; 8. Out of Area Students; 9. PTA and recruitment; 10. Parking; 11. Escarp; 12. Capitol Improvements; 12 Budgets

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

The K-Beach Site Council could use more training in interpreting budgets and how money can be used and allocated within the budget to support existing and new programs to increase the likelihood of meeting our School Development Plan Goals.

General Comments

The K-Beach Site Council is supportive of using the School Development Plan as the encompassing document that drives budget decisions, programs and policy decisions. The question evaluate is “How does this decision impact and support student learning and our School Development Plan Goals?” The Site Council members are positive and supportive of our schools mission to help every student meet their academic and social goals.

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School: Kenai Alternative High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/4/07, 11/19/07, 3/5/08, 4/22/08 Approximately 6-9 people attended each meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The site council was very supportive in helping the school achieve its goals. Particularly with respect to the goals of increasing graduation rate and average daily attendance, the site council continued to come up with ideas and activities to make the school a more inviting and welcoming environment for the students. Since many of the members are part of our morning breakfast crew, they took active steps in engaging the students in conversation and inviting them to have breakfast so that they felt comfortable and at home. Likewise, they would also engage the students in conversation about their grades and progress towards graduation. They were always very positive and encouraging towards the students. This same group of people was also responsible for organizing several different holiday activities to make the students feel like they were part of a family environment. Several students have commented that these efforts not only made them feel good, but that it often helped fill a void for things that were missing in their personal home life.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The ideas of making daily phone calls and/or home visits to students that are missing school led to increased attendance and to the number of students that would at least call in when they were sick. We also decided to take a firm stance on attendance issues related to criteria for earning credit and continued enrollment. As a result, some students did lose credit for one or more classes, or were withdrawn from school for the remainder of a 7-week rotation. The overall effect of this was greater daily attendance rates for the school as a whole. Likewise those individual students that lost credit, or interviewed again to re-enroll, also had better daily attendance when they returned to school.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Another significant topic discussed was the feasibility of a structured work co-op program in the school. As information was collected, it became apparent that a formal structured program would not be as successful as it is in a traditional school. With the transient nature of our population it would be far too difficult to develop and maintain good working relationships with businesses in our community and to just maintain continuity with the students in general.

The site council was also very supportive of the continuation of our Young Parent Program that is housed here at KAHS. This program reaches out to serve students in the entire central peninsula area as well as this school.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Nothing is apparent at this time.

General Comments

The overall function of the Kenai Alternative Site Council is that of a support structure for our school. The general feeling is that if the school identifies a need for the students, the site council, as individual members or as a whole, is willing to take action to help meet those needs. The membership is made up of individuals that donate their time and will seek out resources to help the school.

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School: Kenai Central High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/16/07,
11/13/07,
2/12/08,
& 5/14/08

approximately 10 people in attendance at each meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Reviewed school assessment data and discipline information
Provided feedback regarding School Improvement Planning and progress
Discussion of School Advisory Program
Professional development planning "Failure is Not an Option" program
Review/feedback regarding District Longrange Plan

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The site council provides an environment tht allows for discussion on all issues relevant to the school community. This year the topic that will have the most significant impact on student learning has been the discussions regarding the KPBSD Longrange Plan. Reviewing this plan and the discussions generated by it provided insight into the direction of our site and the steps we will need to accoplish to get there.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Budget development
Course offerings
Master schedule
Staffing
Student discipline
Upcoming events
Student activities
Job Shadow Day
Student Leadership Class
Graduation speeches

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Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

General Comments

It has been a pleasure working with this supportive group of parents, community, and staff.

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School: **Kenai Middle School**

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

09/20/07	8 Present	02/21/08	7 Present
10/18/07	7 Present	03/27/07	9 Present
11/15/07	9 Present	04/22/07	6 Present
01/17/08	8 Present		

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Building Goal: Increase the overall proficiency levels of our students with disabilities in the areas of Reading, Writing and Math to a level that will meet or exceed AYP expectations.

Maintain or increase our overall levels of proficiency for our Alaska Native population.

The site council was involved in developing and monitoring these goals throughout the school year.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Master Schedule – Site Council members gave input on course offerings and staff for the 2007/2008 school year. Programmatic staffing issues were discussed.

Inservice Activities: Site Council members suggested topics and were invited to KMS inservice activities.

KMS Site By-Laws: Site Council members reviewed and updated Site Council By-Laws.

School Development Goal: Site Council members were active in monitoring this goal.

Student Test Results: Site Council members were kept updated on student academic progress. Example: SBA, Edperformance and Terra Nova results.

After School Tutor Program: Site Council members supported using magazine money to finance our “After School Tutor Program.”

School Budget: Site Council members reviewed how the school budget was developed and allocated to different departments.

Site Council members approved the plan to buy “Smartboards” with legislative grant fund money to enhance instruction in the classroom.

Site Council members monitored field trips taken by students and from 710 accounts.

Site Council Members took an active role in reviewing staffing for 08/09 based on projected student enrollment numbers.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Site Council members discussed the issue of dropping reading as a core subject to add other electives. (Drama & Foreign Language)

Student Handbook: Student Council members approved revised handbook rules.

Site Council members were updated on the impact of AYP results.

Parent & Student Orientation: Site Council gave input and helped to implement our new student & parent orientation programs.

Intruder Drill/Earthquake Procedures: – Site Council supported quarterly intruder and earthquake drills with students at KMS.

District Long Range Plan: Site Council gave feedback on this issue.

Portable Use – Input was given to central office to change the use of our portable for safety reasons.

Site Council members submitted a letter to the school board to move the office remodel project up the capital project priority list.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

General Comments

The Kenai Middle School Site Council plays a key role as a forum for discussion and input into the operation of KMS. Site council members obtain valuable information from parents, staff, students, and community members allowing them to address vital issues that effect student learning at KMS.

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School: McNeil Canyon Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

31 Aug 07 (7), 2 Nov 07 (6), 12 Feb 08 (8), 15 May 08 (8)

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The McNeil Site Council continues to be very supportive of the school and Title I goals that all students in third grade would be proficient or advanced in Reading and that all sixth grade students would be proficient or advanced in Reading, Writing, and Math. Their support is shown through their agreement and approval to utilize our Title I, ELL, and Special Education resources to make as much early intervention available to the primary grade students as possible. They also continue to support our After School Learning Lab that is so integral to the continued successes of our Title I students, SPED students and the ELL population. We have also continued the SPED aide services into that lab time for a third year in a row. The recent SBA data on that student population indicates great progress and would support that we continue that practice.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Their willingness to support the focused use of all available resources at the points where they can be most beneficial has been an important part of McNeil Canyon's continued success. For instance, they are 100 percent on board with the use of Title I staffing time being used to provide our After School Learning Lab. They understand the data that shows how those students are consistently performing at grade level or above and often times are out-performing the regular population students.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

- Review of progress toward site goal and Title I goal.
- Review of budget funds for student programs.
- Assessment data reviewed from SBA test results and regular CBM assessment.
- Discussion of site goals for upcoming school year.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

None at this time.

General Comments

It is always a pleasure to meet and work with the McNeil Site Council. Their commitment to the students of McNeil is real and the conversations we have are about important topics that have a real impact on student learning.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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School: Moose Pass Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/19/2007 = 10 persons; 11/14/2007 = 12 persons; 1/16/2008 = 13 persons;
3/12/2008 = 7 persons; 5/12/2008 = 12 persons

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Council members were instrumental in fund raising events through community groups to support local educational learning projects. Council members also volunteered time to deliver project based activities that augment the writing, math, and science curriculums. Site council members were instrumental in supporting the Gerda Klein Project to create an awareness of the Holocaust among the students to support the goal of Teaching Tolerance and mutual respect for others regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, or socio-economic status.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

By teaching tolerance and respect for others, the council supported the support activities that occurred inside and out of the classroom culminating in the community sponsored Gerda Klein presentation. Council support for local, project based learning contributed to improved student learning in writing, math, and reading as evidenced in the success students experienced in district and state level academic competitions.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Other significant topics discussed and supported were the out of school sports programs: cross-country running, soccer, cross-country skiing, and basketball. Staffing of the school was a recurring topic with the focus of discussion being the role of the regional principal and addition of a general classroom aide to the staff that would float between the two multi-age/multi-grade classrooms. Local community group sponsored fund raising events were a key topic of discussions during the meetings.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Simply having a site council member be able to attend the training sessions for council members would help in developing positive communications. At the present time all the site council members are gainfully employed and are unable to take time off from their respective jobs to attend training held during the day.

General Comments

The consensus of the the council regarding the regional principal position is that "they would like to see the regional principal based in Moose Pass but providing administrative services to Cooper Landing and Hope" following the model established when Marc Norgren was the regional principal.

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School: Mountain View Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

November 6, 2008 - All Present
January 7, 2008 - 7 Present, 1 Absent
January 28, 2008 - 6 Present, 2 Absent
February 11, 2008 - All Present
May 5, 2008 - All Present

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The Mt. View Site Council was informed on how the reading curriculum was working that was implemented last year. This also went hand in hand with Mt. View Elementary schools goals to continue down the path of refining instructional methods and techniques to teach and foster reading and language arts. At each grade level staff implemented the reading curriculum to enhance reading instruction.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The Mt. View Site Council was kept informed on how the reading curriculum was going and how it was being implemented into each area of the school environment. The reading curriculum has a variety of different key components that were taught at each grade level that is being built upon each year. Students at each grade level received the same basic knowledge of reading skills.
The new math curriculum was introduced this year. Staff members were able to attend a training on the new materials. The Mt. View Site Council will review the testing scores to see how the students did with the new math curriculum.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The Mt. View Site Council combined the Sears Elementary and Mt. View bylaws into the "new" Mt. View bylaws, opening ceremony, budget accounts, long-range planning process, site council meetings, school discipline policies, public activity funds, conferences, superintendent report, school pictures, carnivals (spring and fall), staffing formula, safety backpacks and supplies, hiring of positions, student-teacher ratio, study trips.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Not at this time.

General Comments

Mt. View Elementary held its opening ceremony on August 21st. Students, parents, staff and community members were invited to attend. The evening consisted of a program in the gym where the color guard presented the colors, Mr. Cook introduced the staff, talked about the vision for Mt. View and the importance of parent involvement in their education and had the Kenaitze drummers play. Students and parents then were able to visit their classrooms and meet their teacher. Students also participated in a tile project where they created their very own special tile to be placed on the school building to represent the coming together of the two schools as one. The gym, hallways and front entrance were filled with balloons.

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School: Nanwalek

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 27, October 25, December 6, January 22, February 20, March 4, March 28, April 21, May 18

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The SBC reviewed data and graphs relating to our attendance goal, and assisted school staff in brainstorming various strategies to achieve higher rates. The council also discussed appropriate, positive youth behaviors, including school achievement.

The SBC monitored attendance rates and suggested ways of communicating school performance to the community. Some members contacted families contributing to tardies and absences to encourage a change in targeted behaviors: limiting video games and following curfew. Members actively contributed to celebrating good attendance.

The SBC also monitored use of positive language and rewards. Members requested training in anti-bullying behaviors and reminder signs, safe touch inservices, using Sugt'stun values and rewarding those with attendance at Elders' teas, attended school functions, visited classrooms, and Caught Being Good rewards.

Graphs indicating gains or losses in reading achievement were reviewed, discussed, and related to school and village practices. The SBC suggested trainings and rewards for reading at home.

Nanwalek receives support from the QS2 program. The SBC was instrumental in involving a large part of the community in developing visions and goals designed to support students and youth within Nanwalek.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

SBC members discussed attendance with other community members, including the Village Council. Through QS2 and follow-up discussions, attendance continued to be discussed. Some members contacted families contributing to tardies and absences to encourage a change in targeted behaviors: limiting video games and following curfew.

Members actively contributed to celebrating good attendance. Students were provided room parties, awards, chants, off campus lunches, and other incentives to come to school – on time. This worked until spring, when families became involved in other activities.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Attendance was a major topic of discussion all year. School behavior, including dress, was also discussed. SBC members, along with several others in the community, want to increase the respect shown to staff and community members.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

SBC members are looking for trainers to provide students with “survival” information such as good touch/bad touch, bullying, and good attendance habits.

General Comments

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School: Nikiski Middle High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 18, 2007 - 9 members and 3 guest present
October 9, 2007 (joint with NNS) - 16 members and 2 guest present
November 13, 2007 - 7 members and 2 guest present
January 8, 2008 - 8 members present
February 19, 2008 - 11 members and 3 guest present
March 11, 2008 - 7 members present
April 8, 2008 - 6 members present
May 13, 2008 - 9 members present

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The Nikiski Middle/High School site council actively supported the students and staff throughout the year in the three core areas of reading, math and attendance.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

This year our site council discussed what the expectations were for the Work Force Development Extension Credits. We also met with Joe Rizzo representing Triumvirate Theater about a drama program for Nikiski North Star Elementary. This program would feed right into the Middle/High Schools Drama Program that is currently in place.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

In joint meetings with Nikiski North Star, the progress of Capital Projects was heavily discussed during council meetings this year. We have been successful with getting answers to questions and updates on outstanding projects. The track is set to be installed this summer as well as the security cameras. Adjustments to the funding had been made and upgrades to the schools auditorium occurred. The crosswalk and extended bike path are delayed due to state DOT requirements.

Site council worked on and approved the school's mission statement. Successfully, our school is accredited for another 5 years.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

No additional training is needed at this time other than more ways to encourage more parents and community members to participate in meeting.

General Comments

The Nikiski Middle/High School will continue to meet with Nikiski North Star twice a year for joint council meetings. We feel that this provides the students with an easier transition from one school to the next and allows both schools to collaborate and be a stronger force.

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School: Nikiski North Star Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/10/07 NNS SC - Attendance: 10
 10/9/07 Joint NNS/NHS SC - Attendance: 19
 11/12/07 NNS SC - Attendance: 12
 12/17/07 NNS SC - Attendance: 14
 01/17/08 NNS SC - Attendance: 8
 02/19/08 Joint NNS/NHS SC - Attendance: 14
 03/13/08 NNS SC - Attendance: 3 (no quorum)
 04/21/08 NNS SC - Attendance: 7
 05/19/08 NNS SC - Attendance: 7

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

1. Assisted NNS staff and parents in developing the 2007-08 School Improvement Plan.
2. Reviewed assessment data and monitored progress of goals throughout the year.
3. Provided input into school-wide discipline program and professional development opportunities.
4. Continued to support the NNS Pre-Kindergarten program.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

1. Discussion/action on how to best spend the School Improvement monies and what type of professional development would best meet the needs of our staff and school.
2. Joint Site Council discussions/actions provided for a seamless transition for preK-12th grade students.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

1. School lunch/Breakfast/Student Nutrition Services
2. Community Coalition Survey (for our 6th graders)
3. Capitol Improvement/Crosswalk
4. Legislative/Liaison Training (February)

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

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1. Training on how to secure funds for capitol projects and successfully seeing them through to fruition.
2. Support at least one NNS staff member to attend a Parent/Site Council training (we had to creatively come up with a way to get our SC president, who happened to be a classroom teacher, to these trainings).
3. Grant writing training.

General Comments

Another GREAT year at NNS!

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School: Ninilchik/02

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

We met on the following dates: 10/8/07, 11/5/07, 3/31/08, 5/6/08, with approximately 6-8 people attending per meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Discussion/review of student achievement and programs that were working to improve student achievement were the most productive. In addition, the council brainstormed ideas for ways to increase student achievement.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Discussion surrounding the SFA reading program and related PG programs led most significantly to student learning. There is a great coordinated effort toward this goal.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Other topics included current events during the school year, keeping lines of communication open, and reviewing staffing and hiring.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

We are interested in what some of the other schools have successfully implemented to increase involvement in site council meetings.

General Comments

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School: Nikolaevsk

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

November 26, 2007 -- 15 present

January 28, 2008 --9 present

February 14, 2008 -- 8 present

March 13, 2008 -- 9 present

May 23, 2008 -- 9 present

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Good attendance has been identified by teachers and SBC members as the major barrier to advancing student achievement at Nikolaevsk School. Attendance and possible remedies were discussed at every meeting this past year. The SBC helped develop a policy at Nikolaevsk for tracking missed student work and learning opportunities and notifying parents in writing of same. The SBC also helped communicate to parents and community members KPBSD policy on excused and unexcused absences.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Nikolaevsk students have done very well on the Alaska Standards Based Assessments. Improved student attendance is critical to making further progress in student achievement (both individual and as a school). The SBC is making a grass roots effort to help change local attitudes and understandings about the importance of regular school attendance. At this point there has been no significant change in attendance data. However, a positive dialog has been opened and genuine and authentic change in attitudes and philosophy regarding attendance will follow.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

To encourage High School students to go beyond the district requirements of three math and three science credits, the SBC has proposed the introduction of an Advanced Diploma. Students successfully completing more than the district minimums in these areas would receive an advanced certificate upon graduation. Developing community service requirements for this certificate were also discussed. The SBC would like to begin the Advanced Diploma Program during the 2008/09 school year.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

The SBC is committed to increasing student attendance. All of the SBC members have stated they would like to begin the school year reviewing research on attendance and student achievement. They would also like to review programs and policies that other schools/districts have used to create positive change in student attendance.

General Comments

The community and parents of Nikolaevsk are very involved in the education of their children. They have a strong desire to increase academic achievement and educational opportunities for all students.

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School: Paul Banks Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

Oct.24th (7 in attendance) Nov.12th (6in attendance) Feb.20th (6 in attendance)
March 20th (6 in attendance) April 16th (6 in attendance).

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The Site Council reviewed the school goals for Paul Banks Elementary at the beginning of the 07-08 school year. The Council received up-dated information throughout the school year on the progress being made toward those goals. Site Council members took an active role in visiting classrooms and spending time in becoming familiar with various programs being used to support student learning. This included learning how the intervention program a Paul Banks is structured and utilized as well as how various programs such as Erobic 3, Lexia Learning, Read Naturally, and Aims Web are being used to help support students and achieve school goals.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

I feel like reviewing overall student achievement data along with becoming more familiar with various programs which support student learning was perhaps the most valuable. This helped site council members gain a more indepth understanding of how all programs are used and mesh together to support student learning and are used to meet the overall school goals.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Title One Services, Special Education Services including the Pre-School Special Needs Programs, Regular Classroom initiatives such as grade level collaboration and correlation of instructional activities with GLE's, Review of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Long-Range Planning Site Council Involvement,710 account review, review of student assessment data, possible state funding for pre-school programs, Artist in the Schools Program for the 07-08 school year, class configuration and staffing.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Up dated information on overall district goals and the status of implementation.

General Comments:

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School: Peninsula Optional High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

August 24, 2007. Seventeen parents.

October 11, 2007. Fourteen parents.

November 14, 2007. Twelve parents.

January 23, 2008. Nine parents.

April 15, 2008. Eleven parents.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Becoming familiar with and using Educate: This is our grading/tracking/progress reporting program.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The parents and staff focused our attention on the following Essential Q's: What do you want/expect your child to learn? How do we get there? How will we know they have learned it? How will we respond when they don't learn? How will we respond when they already know "it"?

Responding to these questions is what the school is centered upon.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Grants (Chevron, Agrium, BP): Thank you to these sponsors.

Soldotna Senior center project (Chevron and timeline)

Summer projects (individual learning projects)

School name change (and if so, to what?)

Seward-4-29-08 (Sea Life Center, AVTEC, lunch, with Seward's Performance based students, 8am to 5pm)

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Attendance policy (AM/lunch)

school will remain at current site for one more school year

Parent/staff/student-led conferences

January Interims.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

No.

General Comments

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School: K -12 Port Graham Schools
Port Graham, AK 99603

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 27, 2007 with six in attendance
November 7, 2007 with eleven in attendance
February 5, 2008 with ten in attendance
April 16, 2008 with five in attendance

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The Site Based Council supported the Principal and teachers 100%. They encouraged us to set our student expectation standards high and they also supported the appropriate discipline required to improve the issues of tardiness and absenteeism. The Council encouraged the staff to engage parents in conversation about student attitudes and personal responsibility. The Council members encouraged other parents to contact them with concerns about the school. They were open, honest and willing to discuss their concerns.

They supported our desire to open the school before and after school hours to allow students to work on their on-line classes.

The Site Based Committee members become more engaged in the Title One and Special Education instruction for the students. They asked more questions and became better informed. They also applauded our efforts to send six students to summer programs.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

One of the most significant discussions was improving the overall attitude of the students at Port Graham. The change in adopting a K-12th grade school had a negative impact on the Junior boys attending school here this year. They were not happy to be "Stuck in the Village". We worked hard to help change their attitude and am happy to report that at our End of the Year Awards Ceremony the change in their behavior and attitudes were significant. The students came to the ceremony and were gracious and appreciative of their awards. They worked hard and earned appropriate recognition for their efforts. It was a dramatic change from the first day of school.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Getting a comprehensive writing program for Port Graham was a huge topic that finally met with some finality. We encouraged the district to purchase a writing program to go along with the SUCCESS FOR ALL program. The Houghton Mifflin series was purchased and sent out in March. We believe this intervention will help dramatically next year in student scores.

Allowing everyone of our students an opportunity to leave the village this year on a school related trip was also significant. We managed to find the appropriate funds. The parents and site based members are aware that their children need to be exposed to other places and experiences.

We had two consistent volunteers this year. One was a parent, the other a community missionary. Their help was appreciated by the Site Based members.

Encouragement of community activities, visiting with the elders, writing the FIREWEED, participating in the Environmental Health program, having cultural and native lectures on hunting, trapping, fishing and cooking were greatly encouraged and appreciated.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

At the beginning of next year it would benefit the council members to have more training on their specific role. They clearly underestimate their importance and significance in helping the school a better place to be. They tend to want the administrator to take charge and tell them what to do rather than engage in pro-active participation.

General Comments

The people in Port Graham love their community and children. They are proud people who have respect for their land, their culture and their traditions. Like all villages, the elders worry that the youth are not as involved in the traditional ways as they would like. Finding the right combination between traditional and modern day life is difficult at best, but the efforts put forth by many here will continue to make a difference.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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School: Razdolna #49

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

4-14-08 8 attended
3-4-08 24 attended
11-20-07 17 attended
11-13-07 12 attended
9-6-07 12 attended

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

- The council agreed to purchase backpacks to be sent home with early elementary students that have letter / sound games, math games, flash cards and other activities that parents can do with their child. This was initiated directly to improve English and reading.
- We reviewed test scores including Ed-performance and CBM's throughout the year.
- We reviewed attendance and discussed ways to improve this with all students
- We discussed ways that we could be more culturally sensitive and make school more inviting and accessible to both parents and students
- We discussed ways we could include more Russian instruction for all students. This resulted in having Russian in grades K-12.
- A discussion on school / home communication led to the implementation of "Friday Folders"

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The topics that were discussed that had the most effect on student learning included instituting attendance incentives and focusing in logical reasoning and problem solving. A time was set aside every day for problem solving for grades 5-12.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The largest and most pressing need discussed at our site council meetings was improving and making repairs to the original building and the need to build a new building. The village decided to start a non-profit organization, every family will donate \$500 and they will borrow money to build a new school building.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Our parents would benefit greatly from getting training in leadership, in what the roles of parents should be in the child's education and their roles on the council.

General Comments

Razdolna parents will go to great lengths to help the school and their children. As a school, we need to work to make sure we don't penalize our students and parents because of their work or religion. When we work with them great things can happen.

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School: Redoubt Elementary School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 12, 2007--8

October 10, 2007--5

November 14, 2007--7

January 16, 2008--6

February 13, 2008--5

March 12, 2008--8

April 9, 2008--7

May 14, 2008--8

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Our school's goals were to:

1. Increase economically disadvantaged student Language Arts composite score from 85% to 88% (K-2 using DIBELS to focus on fluency and grades 3-6 using SBA to measure comprehension);
2. Increase the number of student proficient in math by 4%. For grades K-2 using math CBMs and grades 3-6 using SBA;
3. For students with disabilities, increase the number of students proficient in math by 10%;
4. For students with disabilities, increase the number of students proficient in Language Arts by 10%."

The biggest undertaking of the Site Council to support our school's reading goal was to have some discussions about attendance and what our school community can do to encourage good attendance from our students. We firmly believe that students have the best chance of learning the taught material if they are present, and on time, in class every day.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

As addressed in the previous question, the discussion on attendance probably had the biggest impact for two reasons. It put an emphasis on getting students to school, and on time, which has been shown and an effective means to increase student performance. Secondly, it heightened the awareness of teachers and parents alike in terms student attendance, which will truly help our students better understand what is happening in the classroom.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

- **Bike safety/kids wearing helmets
- **Getting a blinking light for our crosswalk & Safe Routes to School Grant info
- **Attendance issues and ways to encourage attendance.
- **Discussed and gave input on the District's Long Range Plans
- **District's programmatic staffing & District Budget info
- **Enrollment/staffing issues/Open enrollment
- **Parking lot safety issues

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Continued information from the district and school board, particularly in terms of issues and how they specifically impact Redoubt Elementary School.

General Comments

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School: Seward Elementary, Middle and High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 13 - 9 attending, October 11 - 6 attending, November 8 - 10 attending, January 9 - 12 attending, February 14 - 10 attending, March 13 - 17 attending, April 10 - 15 attending

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The Site Council members were involved in discussion of AYP and other testing results, discussions of vertical integration of all activities in the three Seward schools, High School Advisory program and the schedule, Senior Project and service learning, and curriculum alignment within the middle and high school.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

HS advisory program, middle school student handbook, District long range plans, Peace Alliance in the High School, student resolutions, budgeting, state legislature funding, staffing, Music

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Traffic pattern and parking at the high school, some positions remained unfilled through out the year, MS aide, music position - poorly advertised, decision making process and forms for Council,

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Learn about successful models for school- community integration so we can see what it looks like when communities provide opportunities and students take advantage of these.

General Comments

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School: Skyview High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/18/07, 10/23/07, 11/27/07, 1/22/08, 4/1/08, 4/22/08, 5/13/08 We had 14-20 people per meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

We analyzed the test data and developed our school goals based on the findings. We discussed the ways we could reach those goals. This year we focused on academic rigor, student relationships, and relevance of the curriculum to the student. Topics that we talked about included student scheduling, AP offerings, scholarships, credit recovery, activities, clubs, dances, parent volunteers, homecoming, vocational classes, and the KPC Jump Start program. We also discussed "Failure is Not an Option" and that we were committed to leave no child behind. Every student has the ability to succeed if given the right opportunities.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

I think discussing all the various ways we involve students in activities, academic competitions, and clubs led to the increase in student involvement and achievement. These activities helped students build the relationships they need to maintain a positive, healthy lifestyle. As a result teachers, students, and parents felt a part of the school. Students excelled physically, emotionally, and academically.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The KPBSD long-range plan was discussed along with District and site council goals. We talked about our I-team, Green club, and National Honor Society. We looked at 21st Century Learning. We looked at our discipline data and discussed needs and solutions. We recognized our students' academic and athletic accomplishments. We also looked at the process and procedures in hiring a new assistant principal for next year.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

I will update them with "Failure is Not an Option" information after I go to the training.

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General Comments

Site Council focused on what was positive and beneficial to the school. I am very thankful for the parents and students who took the time to be involved at Skyview this year.

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School: Soldotna Elementary School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 11, 2007 October 2, 2007, November 6, 2007 January 15, 2008
February 5, 2008 March 4, 2008 May 6, 2008

There were approximately 7-8 people present at each meeting.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

- * Goal 1: Grades 1-3 average growth rate for all students will be 2 words per minute per week with students on IEPs gaining an average of 1.5 words per week.
- * Goal 2: SBA scores in Numeration, Estimation and Computation and Functions and Relationships will increase by 3% when student scores are compared with scores from their last year's assessments.

High numbers in grade 2 and 4 classrooms and individual student learning needs presented challenges to achieving goals 1 and 2. Therefore, the Site Council discussed and supported a pilot project to hire and utilize a teacher aide in those classrooms.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Preliminary data on assessments in the grade 2 and 4 classrooms show growth in achievement and the data will be compiled as the school receives it (SBAs and CBMs). A final report will be completed to evaluate the pilot project.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

- * Informal discussion occurred at meetings regarding the continued impact of the Soldotna Montessori Charter School upon Soldotna Elementary School, the unequal competition created by two schools in the same building drawing from different populations and the added responsibility of such a situation upon Soldotna Elementary.
- * Much discussion occurred on the proposed District Long Range Plan.
- * Obtaining funds to complete Phase 2 of our intermediate playground upgrade using 710 and PTA funds was covered.
- * Programmatic staffing was explained and supported as it developed during District budgeting.
- * The Site Council was updated on After the Bell activities and funding.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

We do not need additional training or information at this time and the Council tries to keep current by having Site Council representatives attend all pertinent meetings and report back to the Site members.

General Comments

The Soldotna Site Council has developed excellent communications between the Council and the PTA with the PTA president attending all meetings and reporting back to the PTA membership. Thus, the Site Council and PTA operate as a team effort.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
 Site Council Annual Evaluation Form
Due to Superintendent by June 1.

School: Soldotna High School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/11, 10/9, 11/20, 1/8, 2/5, 3/11 and 4/8/08 - 10 to 12 in attendance

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Our Site Council focused on our educational community, (parent/business/school) in an effort to help all students at Soldotna High School be successful. The partnerships enable SOHI to bring more business within our classrooms and give our students real life experiences within our educational setting. The connection between what we are learning within the classroom and how it will apply in real life was truly powerful. The Site Council reviewed assessment data and school climate interventions. We supported our Parent Training workshops and afterschool tutor program in an effort to meet the needs of our at-risk students.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Academic Honesty policy ensured that students are on task doing their own work. We discussed the key topics of our Parent Workshop in hopes of helping parents help their students with homework.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Dance Policy, Shining Star Open Campus policy, Intruder training/school safety, Staffing, Elective offerings --- additional classes, Building needs - lockers, track, etc...

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Continued training on how to support the district from a legislative standpoint.

General Comments

Special Thanks to District Office and the School Board for all of their hard work in getting the schools additional funding and staffing for the 2008-09 school year.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Site Council Annual Evaluation Form
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School: Soldotna Middle School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

6 members attended September 17th
8 members attended October 15th
8 members attended December 17th
6 members attended January 28th
6 members attended February 18th
6 members attended April 14th

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The council identified six goals this year:

1. Promote continuance of an after school tutoring program for students who are struggling academically.
2. Support previous Site Councils' decisions to require mandatory PE uniforms for all students.
3. Support continued mandatory use of a homeroom workbook (student planner).
4. Encourage increased communication and participation between the local community and Soldotna Middle School.
5. Encourage participation in and discussions of current Soldotna area school configurations (to include all SMS "feeder schools" as well as Soldotna and Skyview High Schools). Discussions should include the strengths of and problems with the current configuration as well as opportunities for improvement. Invite other area Site Councils to join the conversation and/or encourage them to begin consideration of these issues as they relate to their school.
6. Support school improvement goals as outlined in the 2007-2008 SMS School Development Plan.

All goals with the exception of goal #5 were monitored and pursued this year. We spent a great deal of time reviewing the District Long Range Plan and did not have time to continue discussions about school configuration with our feeder schools. The council plans to pursue that goal in earnest next year.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The council believes the planners are a great tool for helping our students stay organized and achieve their learning objectives. Our after school tutoring program, along with our in-school tutors, seem to be helping a number of our students make significant gains toward their learning goals. The individual attention facilitated by these programs help our students make academic gains and also provides an avenue for relationship building and modeling of appropriate behaviors and habits of mind.

Our council is really learning the importance of data to drive decisions about setting academic improvement goals as well as monitor student progress through programs such as edperformance. They are interested in helping us reach our goals and ask great questions to clarify why we do what we do.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The council was interested in and spent a great deal of time working on the District Long Range Plan. They continue to be involved with issues such as staffing (programmatic), course offerings, assessment information, and legislative issues, especially as they pertain to school funding.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

No additional training is needed at this time.

General Comments

We are blessed to have a council comprised of dedicated parents, staff and community members. Their input, questions, and candid observations help us to become a better school. With their help we hope to continue to be a safe and fun place for kids to learn and grow.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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School: Sterling Elementary School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

9/17/07 5 attended
11/15/07 6 attended
2/17/08 5 attended
5/1/08 5 attended

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The council supported the staff through problem solving and providing feedback regarding efforts to meet the school goal.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The council's work on re-evaluating the school rules and student behavioral expectations has and will continue to have a significant impact on student learning due to the relationship between a student's behavior at school and their learning. Additionally, the council has expressed a strong desire to continue to support the staff's efforts at arts integration as a means for further improving student engagement and promoting the development of well-rounded students.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

The district's Student Nutrition Services menu for breakfast and lunch continues to be an area of significant concern. The council supported the school in entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, in an effort to improve our own school-level efforts at improving the health and wellness of our students.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

No additional training is requested at this time.

General Comments

The council was especially pleased to see the decrease in the PTR for small schools along with the return to a full-time, on-site school administrator.

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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School: Susan B. English School

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

September 11, 2007, November 27, 2007, January 21, 2008, February 26, 2008, April 1, 2008, April 29, 2008 averaging 9 people in attendance at meetings.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

One of the goals was to meet the needs of students in all areas: academically, emotionally and physically. We worked on scheduling for the year pursuing classes in work force development as well as AP classes. We also brought in a workshop on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome with Vickie Tinker. These classes were available for students, staff and community. We were also able to offer classes in Art, Photography and yearbook.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

One topic discussed was student attendance specifically establishing a plan to reduce the number of tardy students. The principal met with the student council and encouraged them to come up with incentives for no tardies. A plan of positives and consequences was established. Another major topic was the need to provide classes that addressed the needs and futures of the high school students, specifically more vocational classes. Four students visited AVTEC in Seward.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Staffing is a major concern. How do we keep qualified staff? Multi-grade teachers with 5 grades to teach at one time was also discussed. Principal needed to have schedule for next semester ready so PAC can review and make suggestions. This was done for 2nd semester and next year.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Continued information on areas of funding and issues that impact our school.

General Comments

The council continues to have strong support from the community. Both the community and PAC strongly support the education of all students in Seldovia.

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School: Tebughna

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

school improvement plan - 15 people. Carnival - 8 people, 5 year plan - 5 people.
elections - 5 people

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

read and approved the school improvement plan, gave suggestions for the 5 year plan

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

School Improvement Plan - we were able to discuss and have everyone agree on the importance of the goals - attendance, tardies, and completed assignments.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

elections, carnival

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Learning to work together in a positive way, (social skills)

General Comments

The last few months we have not had meetings. We could not find anyone willing to take an office.

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Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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School: Tustumena Elementary 2007-2008

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

*9/24/07-8 10/29/07-8 12/17/07-8 *1/28/08-8 2/25/08-25

3/31/08-7 5/12/08-9

Note: * Designates bi-annual co-curricular fund reports presented.

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

The school's goals were discussed in only once during the year. The primary level reading assessment data was shared a mid-year, but due to late May delivery of SBA results, student achievement reporting will take place at the initial next year. The 2008-09 school goals will also be presented in that first meeting.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

Council discussion on the topic of increasing staff for the coming year due to increased state funding. It is believed that full day interventive service for low achieving students would continue to be critical in meeting annual AYP status at this school site. Combing our .5 Interventionalist position with a .5 Title I position was ultimately determined to be the most optimal way to meet the school's needs.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

School rules and discipline procedures, School Improvement Goals and Progress toward this goal, KPBSD's Long Range Planning Input, student nutrition concerns, new principal hiring criteria, and 2008-09 staffing increases.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

The Council has sited lack of information on the district's vision of long term plan for school consolidation. Inclusion of such a plan in the revised Long Term Plan would serve to provide direction not only for Site Based Council discussion, but for district leadership focus and subsequent Board decision-making should student enrollment continue to decline.

General Comments

Student nutrition economizing measures for this school site remains a concern of the Council. Cut backs in kitchen staff in 2008-09 and an ever increasing number of pre-packaged food items will continue to be a focus of discussion in the coming year.

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School: Voznesenka

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

10/24/07	17 attending
2/19/08	19 attending
3/13/08	23 attending
5/15/08	22 attending

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

Physically, there was little involvement of the Site Council in the achievement of our goals, but they were very supportive and encouraging as the goals were reviewed, and were interested in following our goals throughout the year. They are excited about the progress we have made, and with the direction we are taking our students.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The encouragement towards graduation, and allowing students to maintain appropriate attendance has contributed greatly to the increased success. With expectations towards graduation, even the youngest of our students understand the need to do their best, and to understand the relevance of the material presented to them. Interest in and encouragement to the staff has also given us a greater need to feel success in the lives of each child.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Vandalism and lack of respect has been a concern of our council and to the community. The community posted a reward of \$100.00 for information that would lead to the arrest of students involved in vandalising the school or the grounds. This did wonders in improving the care and pride of our facilities. Parents have taken the lead in disciplining their children for activities disruptive to the community.

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

The training is available, but we have not been successful in getting out parents to attend training sessions. It might be helpful to hold training for the four villages. The folks here are timid, and are intimidated by parents outside of their culture. Time will change this feeling. We are seeing a few start to interact with people from outside their villages, and to participate on committees with Norma and Sandy in the Federal Programs committee meetings.

General Comments

I have never been more proud of a school, or a community, as I have been of Voznesenka over the past eight years. They have given us their trust, and have stepped outside their comfort zone to allow the changes that have given rise to our educational expectations, and increased success for their children. We have added the strength of technology, the excitement of extracurricular activities, and the attention of the whole state to the involvement of their children. We have invited the parents to come and participate with us in after-school activities to learn with their children the advantages of the computers in the classroom. They have sat with the kids in math and reading activities, and have stood at the edge of wrestling mats to encourage their kids on and on. They have been delighted to watch their kids become champions, leaders, and examples to the world. They have been willing to give up a part of their isolation, even knowing the challenges of maintaining their culture as their children became more acquainted with the world around them. They have been partners in education even though not many of them are actively involved in the classrooms. They are a wonderful part of the diversity of our country, and a credit to our nation.

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School: West Homer Elementary

Meeting dates and approximate attendance for this school year:

Meeting Dates: September 19, October 8, November 19, December 10, 2007; January 28, February 11, March 10, April 21, and May 19, 2008
Approximate Attendance Average for our nine meetings: 11 participants per meeting

What steps did the council take towards achieving the school goal(s)?

School Goals:

- A. Participate in information/cooperative dialogue between WHE and FWA regarding shared resources, duties, and expectations.
- B. Continue to highlight achievements/activities of WHE students to the community.
- C. Respond to staff, student, and administration issues and concerns.

Steps Taken:

- A. The WHE Site Council was instrumental in holding and promoting two information meetings dealing with the space issues between Fireweed Academy (FWA) and WHE.
- B. Some of the highlights were: more coverage of WHE student work/achievements in the papers, more reporters visiting the school (e.g. articles, information, photo opportunities, etc.), staff members/students writing more letters to the papers, and there were also teachers and students thanked for efforts in the community (e.g. canned food drive bringing in over 1,100 cans of food for the Community Food Bank).
- C. Concerns and responses were addressed for the following issues: Fire drill and student attention issues, FWA issues (i.e. space) resolved, playground concerns, ice safety (e.g. Parking lot and playground), and lunch room noise.

Which topic discussed/acted upon by your council led most significantly to the improvement of student learning? Explain.

The FWA space issue was resolved, which led to teachers getting back to teaching and students back to learning.

List other significant topics discussed during site council meetings this year.

Parking lot safety, road safety (Soundview is now a through road/no longer a dead end street), artists in the school, staffing issues, book fair, bullying program/steps taken to improve bully prevention

Is there an area where your council could benefit from additional training or information?

Site Councils around the S. Pen. might benefit from joining together to discuss common issues (i.e. food, lunches). There is concern about the hot lunches. Also, fostering peace on the playground or mixing teams more might help solve some of the playground issues.

General Comments

Our Site Council felt more successful this year because:

- Our meetings weren't just about FWA issues.
- We were able to deal with other issues.
- Something was done about the FWA space issue.

Also, the benches in front of the school, provided in part by the Student Council, are great.

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