Kachemak Selo School

Site Council Meeting Minutes December 10, 2024

Community and Staff Present

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❖ Welcome- sign-in

RFP Results:

The RFP that went out for the new school was awarded to Architects Alaska, which is the same firm that was awarded the RFP during the first round, which resulted in a School Design Development being completed. With increased building costs, and an additional 1.3 million expenditure for completing a second RFP, there will be changes with the next design.

DEED:

Our designated Empowerment Specialist from the State, Kevin Dennis, visited the school on Friday, December 6th. He met staff and went into the classrooms to get a feel for our environment. Other than sharing he was available for questions as needed, there was nothing noted regarding concerns on his end. If we continue down our path of improvement, our school will be out of our CSI designation after next school year.

Calendar:

The draft 2025-26 HOB calendar was displayed. The most notable things shared included there will be six Saturday School days, the school year will be over before Memorial Day, and that we're very limited on available make-up days if school is cancelled because of adverse weather. Teachers were told that going with this calendar, which was the most liked, means that calling weather days will need to be done sparingly.

Attendance:

The current attendance rate for this year was shared, which showed very high rates. With an average daily rate of 89%, students' attendance will positively impact academic progress. Parents were given praise for getting students to school so consistently.

iReady and CKLA site visits:

Since our last Site Council meeting, we had reps from both iReady (math) and CKLA (reading) visit our school. With the additional funding from our CSI designation, we are able to provide staff with individual support to increase their capacity in effectively teaching students in both math and reading. Additional site visits from these reps will take place during the second half of the year. This money will be available again next year, then it will be exhausted.

Title 1:

Elena Basargin went through the Title 1 documents that provides parents an opportunity to give feedback on services received, lines of communication, upcoming events, and opportunities that parents would like to see. Parents expressed appreciation for what is being offered, along with sharing that events in Homer are much more accessible than elsewhere in the district. They were told about the Family Fun night taking place at HHS next month. There was consensus among parents in attendance that having a parent engagement activity on the next Early Release Day would be better than on an upcoming Saturday School.

❖ Next Meeting: TBD