

10/15/2035 Site Council Minutes:

KENAI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA: October 15, 2025 - 5:00 PM.

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Date: October 15, 2025 **Time:** 5:00 PM

1. Opening Activities

- **A. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order.
- **B. KCHS MISSION STATEMENT:** Read aloud.
- **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was discussed, with a note to cross off the **STAGES building** item under New Business and update the dates from 23-24 to **25-26**. Speaker 4 suggested these should have been fixed before approval (49:01).
- **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5/13/2025:** Minutes were approved.
- **E. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS:**
 - **Attendees noted in the discussion:** Will Chervenak (KCHS administrator), Dan Beck (KCHS administrator, Speaker 1), Travis Lawson, Jesse Settlemyer (Certified staff, Speaker 3), Will Hubler, Jennifer Johnson (Senior Parent Rep), Luke Dubber (Junior Parent Rep), Sarah Castimore (Sophomore Parent Rep), Chad Larsen (KCHS SRO, Officer Larson), Vail Coots (Student Body President, Speaker 7), Madison Holcomb (Student Body Secretary/Alternate).
 - **Guests:** Cindy McKibben (KPBSD Administrator, District Intervention) and Sarah Douthit (KPBSD Board Member) were mentioned as expected guests, though their attendance is not explicitly confirmed by a speaking role. Penny Vadla (KPBSD Board Member) was not explicitly mentioned in the discussion.
 - **ELECTIONS:**
 - **Nominations for Freshmen Parent Representative:** Stacy Crouse
 - **Nominations for Secretary:** Sarah Castimore
 - *Elections took place during the meeting as noted in the agenda.*

2. School Reports

- **A. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT/COMMENTS (Speaker 1, Will Chervenak, Speaker 5):**
 - **Staffing/Enrollment:** Certified staff is currently over-allotted by one. There is a prediction that a certified staff member might be lost next year (00:17). New certified staff are Joseph Warvich (Language Arts) and Steve Cawthorn (History), transferred due to distance Ed cuts (01:06). Classified staff: Intensive Needs Aides reduced from 5 to 3,

with a position posted for one more (01:40). Resource Aides are back to 2 this year (02:00). Looking for a **4-hour custodian position** (06:54). All **coaches** are in place (07:33).

- **Construction/Building Maintenance (Speaker 1):**

- Planning for summer 2026: The Borough Mayor is expected to approve the purchase of new, higher-quality **lockers** for about half the school (03:12).
- A project to improve control over **heat and cooling** (specifically heat regulation) using a **Siemens** brand system is planned for the summer (03:51).
- **Shop area** projects (delayed from last year) still on the list: new boilers, roof repair (due to snow load 3 years ago), new **ventilation system** for the welding area, and tearing out and graveling the old **asphalt driveway/parking area** and paving the walking path (05:22).
- Minor Maintenance: **Painters** will be doing inside work, including painting the **library** and possibly removing the existing **Hawk mascot art** (07:58).

- **Sports Updates (Speaker 3, Jesse Settlemyer):**

- **Football:** Had a good year, made the **semifinals** (09:35).
- **Cross-Country (XC):** Both **boys and girls teams** qualified for the **State Invite** (10:38).
- **Swim & Dive (S&D):** Season nearing the end, with high participation (26 swimmers). Upcoming **Palmer invite** (11:40).
- **Volleyball:** Mid-season, 6-0 in conference. Won the **Southeast Slam & Jam tournament** in Sitka. Ranked in the state's top 10 (12:24).
- **Cheer:** Good year, did not attend the Rally in the Valley due to a late coaching hire (13:51).
- **Winter Sports Preview:**
 - **Wrestling** started October 1. Hosting the **Luke's Rule invite** on October 18 (14:38).
 - **Hockey** practice/tryouts started today, October 15. Hosting the **Peninsula Ice Challenge** October 30-November 1 (15:32).
 - **Nordic Ski** starts October 29 (16:16).
- *General note: Participation numbers across all sports are up significantly (11:13).*

- **Alice Training (Speaker 5):** The first of 4 annual events was held on Monday, October 13. It was an intercom/video-based training and classroom discussion/refresher. A **live drill** with law enforcement will occur in **March** (17:06).
- **Great Alaska Shakeout:** Scheduled for **10/16 @ 10:16** (20:00).
- **Map Testing (Speaker 5 & 1):** Round one is done. Next window is **Dec. 1 – Jan. 16** (21:09). Data shows the **freshman class** is testing academically high, with nearly **50%** in the top 2 quadrants for math (23:15).

- **Data – '23-'24 AK STAR Data (Speaker 5 & 1):** Discussion on the discrepancy between high internal MAPS data and low public **AK STAR** data (24:01). The state's education **Task Force** is visiting the school on **November 11th** (25:51). A Site Council member (Speaker 2) noted that only about 56% of students test, which is due to only **9th graders** taking the high school AK Star test (27:32).
- **School Goals (Speaker 5 & 1):**
 - **Academic Goal:** Increase to **85%** of all 9th-grade students earning **6 or more credits** by the end of the year (up from 82% last year) (33:29).
 - **PLC focus:** Professional Learning Communities are a new focus to help support the academic goal (34:21).
 - **Improved Attendance Goal:** Increase to **92%** daily attendance rate (up from 87%) (34:59). State is pushing attendance with the slogan "**strive for 5**" (35:14). Truancy rules were also discussed (36:18).
- **After School Tutoring Bus (Speaker 5):** The bus is running this year, servicing the local Kenai area (38:32).
- **Questions:** Questions were taken throughout the report.
- **B. STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT REPORT (Speaker 7, Vail Coots):**
 - Reported on **Freshman Night/Open House** and the **Freshman Dance** (39:46).
 - Filled the vacant **Student Body Vice President** position by appointing **Madison Holcomb** after reviewing essays (40:35).
 - The **Homecoming (Hoco)** theme was initially controversial ("after glow") but the overall Hoco was successful, including the parade, bonfire, and dance, with **nobody** being kicked out of the dance (41:16).
 - Future Plans: Looking at **Spirit Days for Christmas**, planning a **food drive**, the **Staff Appreciation Committee** is active, and planning **drive-in movies** for Halloween and Christmas (43:54).
 - Looking to change the **Homegoing Dance** (in February) to a **Winter Formal** to increase attendance (45:15).
 - The Principal (Speaker 1) and Vail Coots discussed how the struggles with the Hoco theme served as a valuable lesson in **leadership and public scrutiny** (47:05).

3. Old Business

- **A. OLD BUSINESS:** None to discuss (48:37).

4. New Business

- **A. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - **a. New STAGES building:** Outdated info, should be crossed off the agenda (48:45).

- **Meeting dates for 2025-2026 (tentative):** The meeting day was switched from Tuesday to **Wednesday** to accommodate **Will Hubler's** schedule (49:18). The time was kept at **5:00 PM** (49:50).
 - 10/15 (Current Meeting)
 - 12/17 (Speaker 2 notes a conflict)
 - 2/11 (Speaker 2 notes a conflict due to legislative fly-in)
 - 4/15 (Speaker 2 notes a maybe conflict)
 - 5/13 (Senior speeches)
 - All dates were confirmed for the year

5. Adjourn

- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned (54:45)