

Kenai Central High School Site Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 15, 2026

Time: 5:03–5:29 PM

Location: KCHS

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM
- KCHS mission statement read

Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda (Lawson), Second (Johnson)
- Approved

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from 2/11 (Johnson), Second (Lawson)
- Approved

Roll Call

- **Present:** Administrators (Dan Beck, Principal; Will Chervenak, Assistant Principal); Secretary (Sarah Castimore); Certified Staff (Travis Lawson, Jesse Settlemeyer); Parents (Jennifer Johnson, Sarah Castimore); Community Member (Chad Larson); Student Body Representative (Vail Coots, Student Body President)
- **Absent:** Luke Dubber, Stacy Crouse, Will Hubler

Principal's Report

- Upcoming key dates reviewed
- **Staffing Updates:**
 - Mr. Lomax leaving
 - Mr. Peek retiring
 - Mr. & Mrs. James leaving (not retirement eligible)
 - Special Education position posted for an extended period; applicants primarily international and not eligible under district hiring guidelines; one domestic candidate interviewed but accepted another position
 - Three remaining positions contingent on final budget decisions
- **District Contracts:**
 - Non-tenured contracts not yet issued; earliest expected at May board meeting
 - Staff may have until near the end of the school year to sign contracts
- **Additional Staffing Concerns:**
 - One custodian resigned for a borough position; replacement posting in progress
 - Anticipated custodial reassignments across schools after closure

- **Budget/Planning Outlook:**
 - No secondary school cuts currently identified
 - Staffing assignments may require creative scheduling due to departures
 - Hiring challenges remain for specialized positions, including music, CTE, foods, and auto

Athletics Report

- **Winter Sports:**
 - Boys and girls basketball both qualified for state
 - Boys won South Central Regionals for the second consecutive year
 - Girls placed second at regionals
 - Basketball cheer competed during state week
 - Overall strong participation and successful seasons
- **Spring Sports:**
 - Practices began March 4
 - Initial outdoor practices possible on first day; weather later required indoor practices
 - City of Kenai cleared turf field, track, soccer field, baseball, and softball fields over spring break, advancing outdoor access by approximately 2–3 weeks
 - Facilities used by school teams, middle school, and community groups
- **Programs Offered:**
 - Baseball, softball, track, boys and girls soccer, esports
- **Scheduling:**
 - Spring seasons condensed with frequent competitions
 - Soccer games and baseball tournaments beginning immediately
- **State Baseball:**
 - KCHS awarded Division II State Baseball hosting for a second consecutive year
 - Tournament scheduled for June 5–6 at Coral Seymour/Wheeler field
 - Four-game format (two Friday, two Saturday)
- Appreciation expressed to City of Kenai staff for snow removal and facility support

Performing Arts

- Band concert (final): May 5 at 6:00 PM
 - “Pops in the Parking Lot” fundraiser with Taco Tuesday dinner
- Choir concert (final): May 13 at 7:00 PM
- Marching band invited to participate in Disneyland parade next spring, contingent on 50-member participation
 - Includes middle and high school students
 - Fundraising to begin in preparation

Safety and Testing

- ALICE training completed
 - Feedback noted; minor reminders discussed
- MAPS testing completed except makeups
- AK STAR testing completed; ELA and math administered
 - Individual student results accessible via MAPS linkage
 - Makeup testing scheduled for the following week

Student Body President Report

- Valentine's Day Dance held February 14; smaller event with solid attendance
- Prom held the previous weekend with "Singing in the Rain" theme
 - No major issues reported
 - Minor promenade flow concern identified and addressed for future events
- Discussion of fundraising for a fire-retardant blackout curtain to replace tarps in the auditorium
- Student Council applications closed April 10
- Contested races for Student Body President and Junior Vice President
- Senior Vice President position to be filled by runner-up in the presidential race
- Student council members visited middle school to mentor incoming candidates
 - Strong interest and promising group noted

Old Business

- None

New Business

- **Summer Projects:**
 - Interior painting completed
 - Workforce Development Center roof will not be replaced this summer
 - Borough maintenance to install new boilers in-house
 - Welding classroom ventilation upgrade not anticipated
 - Parking lot and walkway projects funded and scheduled
 - Asphalt removal and base preparation for future paving
 - Walkway paving and drainage improvements
 - Temperature control system upgrade planned (Siemens)
 - Project to replace outdated pneumatic controls and consolidate boiler operations

Announcements

- Final Site Council meeting scheduled for May 13 at 5:00 PM
 - Purpose: Review and approve senior graduation speeches

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM