

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Site Council Meeting

8 April 25

Members Present: Brad Conley, Amy Budge, Corise Story, Pete Swanson, Joy Overson, Mark Marette, Delane Blackstock

Members Absent: Jaime Pennington

Others Present: Zen Kelly (via phone)

The meeting was called to order at 3:21 pm.

Public Presentation: None

Discussion Items:

KPBSD Budget Update – School board member Zen Kelly began with an update on the KPBSD budget issue. McNeil may see a PTR +1 increase to 20.5. Zen had heard from some McNeil parents about making McNeil a charter school. Zen said that the district would not allow the school to close and re-enroll the same students as a charter school. He did mention that the district is looking at eliminating stipends both at the middle school/ high school levels and at the elementary level. There is also discussion that the Quest program would no longer staff this with a certified teacher. This may potentially be staffed by a non-certified person. Zen mentioned that the mayor has a plan to increase 2.5% to all borough departments. Zen said that if we were to match inflation, we would need a \$1800 BSA increase to break even. Delane asked about other ways that the district and state could start looking at avenues for revenue. Zen agreed that this should be discussed further and that we, as a state, can no longer depend on the oil revenue to fund our government. It is not sustainable. The state needs to start looking at diversified revenue. Brad asked if any of our representatives are making any progress on using tax revenue as a means of making a difference. Zen said that many of our representatives do not want to look at taxing Alaskans and are looking more at state resources to bring in revenue. Zen did say that our biggest expense is employee medical insurance. The district cost went up from 28 million last year to 30 million this year. Zen is pushing for a \$5,000 deductible which would lower the premiums and may inevitably change the way people use healthcare. Joy asked why the state isn't looking at a statewide education health insurance plan. Pete responded that Sarah Vance was looking at that at one point with no traction.

Bus 203 Update – Delane mentioned that the district said that First Student can only transport kids within our school area and must stop at the boundary. Pete said that they are bound by the rule of providing school to daycare transportation even if it is outside of the school boundary. Delane said that it would be worth asking again regarding the clarification from Pete. She will follow up.

710 Accounts – Pete went through the different pupil accounts and mentioned how the funds have been used this year. The most recent project that he is looking at is adding hard surface ice rink walls. He would like to work with our Community Council to make this happen.

Expiring Terms: Jaime Pennington, Delane Blackstock and Mark Marette have site council member terms expiring this spring. We will hold a site council election during our Spring Program on Thursday, May 8th at 6:30pm.

FY25 Meeting Dates & Times:

All meetings are completed for the FY25 school year

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Overson