

McNeil Canyon Elementary

Site Council Meeting

24 Sept 26

Members Present: Pete Swanson, Joy Overson, Anne Love, Lenore Swanson, Brad Conley

Members Absent: Andrew Peter, Kobi Lyon

Others Present: Veronica Jones – Title 1 Tutor

Public Presentation:

Title 1 Annual Meeting Presentation (detailed notes are linked in our October DragonTale) – Veronica Jones

- Responsibilities of Title 1
- Parent and Family Involvement
- The Purpose of a Title1 Compact
- Educator Expectations
- Family Member Expectations
- Family Engagement Action Plan Steps
- Beginning of Year Assessment Results

Potential use of future Title 1 funds:

- Contributing towards our music program and tying a book to the Spring Musical that all students will receive to read with their families at home.
- Family Math & Science Night with Community scientist judges.

Site News:

Pete welcomed back our returning parent Site Council members, Brad Conley, Kobi Lyon, and Andrew Peter, along with new staff Site Council member Lenore Swanson. He explained the role of Site Council members and the topics/issues that are usually discussed throughout the year. These roles include reviewing our 710 pupil accounts, school development plan, McNeil Canyon Elementary Vision/Mission Statement, etc. Pete spoke about our students' progress on testing results and how those results influence our school development plan. The bylaws were reviewed by the council, and booklets were given to each member. We are still looking for a non-parent community member to fill the final position. Anne mentioned that Joleigh Porter might be interested in filling this position next school year.

Pete asked if any members had been approached by parents or community members about topics that would be good to discuss in the future. None of the members had been approached at this point.

Pete spoke a bit about the Title 1 and Migrant programs, along with the qualifying differences between the two. He mentioned that McNeil has a higher percentage of migrant students than Title 1 students this year. He introduced Veronica Jones as our current Title 1 tutor. See her presentation notes under Public Presentation. Detailed information will be included in the October DragonTale that goes out to our McNeil families.

Pete mentioned the activities that have already taken place this school year. These include our Harvest Fair/Open House, the 6th-grade Peterson Bay overnight field trip with Alaska Coastal Studies, and the Coast Walk Clean-up. Coming up, we have Artist in the School, archery, Title 1 Family Game Night, and basketball. Community Council has already started gearing up for our fall carnival.

He also spoke about the open positions that need to be filled, including the kitchen manager position and an additional Title 1 tutor.

Brad asked if we are teaching students about technology and AI. He was curious, as a parent, if this is being addressed in the classroom. Lenore shared that, as a school, we are pulling back on computer use in the school. Pete stated that this is a topic of conversation with our staff and that we are trying to stay aware of the negative aspects of current technology and its influence on our students. Brad would like to make this an ongoing topic for Site Council in an effort to protect the kids.

FY27 Meeting Dates & Times:

Site Council meeting December 8th at 3:15pm.

Site Council meeting February 2nd at 3:15pm.

Site Council meeting April 27th at 3:15pm.

The meeting concluded at 4:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Overson