



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
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Principal, Jerry Stapleton

Paul Banks Elementary Site Council Meeting Minutes

11/16/2021

2:30

Members Present: Jerry Stapleton (Principal), Ahnie Litecky (Parent), Cassy Quinlan (Parent), Sky Cady (Parent), Vicki Berney (Classified Staff), Julie Gottfried (Regular Ed Teacher), Robanne Stading (Special Education Teacher)

I. Introductions:

- All members introduced themselves.

II. Establish Quorum:

- Per bylaws, 4 members are required to establish a quorum and 7 members were present. A quorum was established.

III. Review and Approve Agenda:

- Cady motioned to approve the agenda. Quinlan seconded. All approved.

IV. Review Bylaws

- Members read and discussed bylaws. Stapleton made the group aware that we still needed a non-parent community member to serve on the committee (per the bylaws). Several names were offered by Cady. Stapleton will contact them.
- Stapleton raised the question of current one-year terms for Council members. The group discussed that it may be harder to get potential members to commit to a two-year term rather than a one-year term. The Council agreed to keep the current requirement of a one-year term.
- Litecky motioned to approve the current bylaws as is. Stading seconded. All approved.

V. Update on School Year

- A. Enrollment:** There are currently 154 students enrolled at Paul Banks, including preschool and 100% remote students. Quinlan stated that enrollment may increase in January since some parents plan to send homeschooled or remote students back to school after being vaccinated.
- B. School Goals:** Stapleton shared the School Development Plan. The two goals are for Literacy and Social/Emotional Learning. It has been submitted to the district for review. Stapleton and the school Leadership team will meet in January to review progress.

The Council discussed the social/emotional learning goal in some detail. The discussion included the challenges of measuring social/emotional skill growth in children; whether the targeted questions in the plan will actually provide meaningful information about the social/emotional growth of students; the challenges of asking students to self-rate on a scale from 1-4 when there are 4 big topics involved; including the school counselor in more discussions about assessing social/emotional growth; and the need for serious reflection by the Leadership team in January on the success of how this goal is measured.

Stading suggested adding an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss what the Site Council can do to support the social/emotional well-being of students at Paul Banks.

- C. COVID mitigation:** Stapleton shared information about the recent COVID activity at Paul Banks Elementary and the new Close Contact Monitor-Test-Stay pilot protocol that allows more students to stay in school. Litecky and Quinlan provided feedback on the new mitigation protocol and stated that having COVID testing available at the nurse's office is helpful. Quinlan also asked for clarification about the requirement for parental permission to test students at school. Litecky asked when there will be updated guidance from the district for fully vaccinated students.

VI. Upcoming events

- A.** Read-A-Thon will be the three weeks before spring break. (Feb. 14th- March 4)
- B.** Bingo for Books will be the Friday before spring break. (March 4)

VII. Set meeting dates for the remainder of the year

- A.** Wednesday, January 12, 2022 2:30 pm

B. Wednesday, February 23, 2:30 pm

C. Wednesday, May 4, 2:30 pm.

VIII. Adjourn

- The Council adjourned by consensus.

Action Items:

- Stapleton will contact community members to ask about serving on the Site Council.
- Next agenda will include discussion of how the Site Council can support the social/emotional wellbeing of students.