



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal, Sean Campbell

Paul Banks Elementary
Site Council Meeting Agenda
4/5/2023
3:30 pm

- I. Establish Quorum: Sean Campbell, Jennifer Reinhart , Jill Scalzi, Julie Gottfried, Tim Daughtery, Katy Countiss
Guests:
- II. Review and Approve Minutes. Minutes were reviewed and approved. Katy made a motion to approve, and Jill seconded.
- III. Review and Approve Agenda. Jill made a motion to approve, and Katy seconded.
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Capital Improvement Writing - No movement on the capital improvement letter.
 - B. Budget Update - School district decisions will not impact our certified staff. At this time the Title 1 tutor position for next school year is half time.
- V. New Business
 - A. Principal's Report
 1. Family Engagement: We are experiencing robust family engagement.
 2. Literacy: No data on literacy, but the impact has been great. Students are still celebrating their achievements in reading.
 3. School Development Plan: The team is finalizing the paperwork for the plan, and have one more meeting to assess their work.
 - B. School Security - Jill had suggested adding this item to the agenda. She was curious about our security at the school, and what we do to add to the students' sense of safety and security. Jenn suggested that one thing that we do among staff is discuss the plans that we have to counter any sort of an attack. Sean discussed the things that we do to be proactive such as our drills that don't mention shooters, the skills that we want the students and teachers to employ, and the upcoming session with police involvement. We have a focus on the work

that happens ahead of time. Our students engage in dramatic play, but we know the difference between play and threat. We have a team and a document to deal with actual threats. Additionally, we teach kids to tell adults about their concerns or unsafe feelings. Julie mentioned the positive relationship with the police, and Katy mentioned the police coming to read to the children. Julie mentioned that the reading would be great if it were more frequent. Jill asked about more door security, and what the next step from locking doors is. Jenn stated that we keep contact with our families, and if anything is strange we discuss it. A discussion ensued regarding Katy's inability to see the front door, and the chances of that changing via remodel or camera. Sean talked about the advantage for having a camera and buzz-in system, and how much time that would save. Jill suggested crowdfunding the camera system. Katy suggested the affordability of buying a simple Ring camera, but mentioned that the district said it could not be hooked up to our network. Tim mentioned that the topic will be discussed at the next board meeting.

- C. Looping Jill brought this topic to the agenda. She had a great experience with her older daughter looping and her success. She said she thought it would benefit her current daughter as well. She wanted to present it as a topic to address. She also wondered if there was a parent who didn't want their child to loop. Sean asked Jenn to attend this meeting to discuss looping. Jenn may be on her 6th loop. She mentioned the benefit for the kids who have great needs as well as those typical kids who benefit from the teacher knowing their skill set. Jenn mentioned that the relationship between parents and teachers is critical. She mentioned that another negative is that the student might not connect with the way a teacher teaches. Julie asked about parents who might not want their students in a loop, and Jenn answered with a relevant story that highlighted the rarity of that event. Sean discussed the importance of the research suggesting the benefits of looping, the emphasis on academic growth with the focus of literacy, and the potential maximization of learning time. Conversation shifted toward the logistics of looping, potential non-interest, and equity of looping.
- D. Staffing - We hired two new teachers at Paul Banks. One general education teacher, and one special education teacher.
- E. Site Council Self-Evaluation
 - 1. successes - We presented a comfortable atmosphere where members can be heard and a safe space to explore diverse topics. We are diverse committed community members who have value to add to our wide range of topics. We have had meaningful conversations about our school

and how we can continue to celebrate the great things, but explore new topics. We converted a community member to a parent.

2. what to work on next year: We would like to work on something actionable (we have worked on technology and potholes), but help to create a product. Katy suggested a family handbook.

F. Upcoming Events

1. Friday 4/7: Vacation Day, no school
2. Monday 4/10: School Board Meeting
3. Tuesday 4/11: National Library Worker Day
4. Wednesday 4/12: Kindergarten Round-up 12:45pm-2:00pm
5. Friday 4/14: Art Extravaganza Night and Preludes performances 5:00-7:00pm
6. Thursday 4/20: Volunteer Appreciation Day
7. Wednesday 4/26: Administrative Professionals/Secretary Day
8. Friday 4/28: Homer Opus/Preludes concert at Mariner Theatre 6:30pm
9. Tuesday 5/2: Teacher Appreciation Day
10. Wednesday 5/3: Spring Musical Concert @ 1:00pm (Homer High School Mariner Theatre)

VI. Adjourn. Jill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Julie seconded the motion.