



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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Principal, Sean Campbell

Paul Banks Elementary Site Council Meeting Notes

9/6/2023

3:30

Attendees: Sean Campbell (principal), Sarah Jones (classroom teacher), Kim Kuklis (classified staff- Nurse), Katy Countiss (classified staff- secretary), Jill Scalzi (parent), Mandy Lehm (parent), Tim Doughty (visitor/school board member)

I. Introductions:

II. Establish Quorum: Meeting norms established

- Per bylaws, 4 members are required to establish a quorum
 - Quorum established.
 - Attendees discussed the function of the Site Council. Serve as an advisory committee, whose members can bring up topics to be discussed. Members provide perspective on school related issues/topics.

III. Review and Approve Agenda

Jill Scalzi moved to approve the agenda. Jeri McLean seconded.

IV. Review Bylaws

Attendees reviewed the bylaws without comment or question

V. Review Last Year's Minutes

Attendees reviewed last year's minutes without comment or question

VI. Principal's Report

A. Highlights

Mr. Campbell expressed that there are awesome things happening at Paul Banks. There have been many recent outdoor learning opportunities, even with the rainy weather classes are often outside. He shared stories about student joy at school. Mr. Campbell explained the new curriculum changes for this year. Staff have been open to new ideas and are working hard to implement changes (raved about their ability to focus on positives and share "golden nuggets" about what's working well and learn from each other). Teachers joined in to explain history of curriculum changes and the district's move away from F&P and the shift in recent studies/science on how to teach reading (Science of Reading).

B. Enrollment

Mr. Campbell reported the current enrollment of 171. (PreK-16, K-45, 1st-52, 2nd-57 / Girls 73, Boys 98)

C. School Development Plan

There isn't much new at this point in the school year. Data day is coming up, which will help determine the needs for intervention, speech, quest, resource, psychologist. Last year's School Development Plan focused on language arts and math scores in 10th-25th percentile improving by at least 5 % points.

D. Family Engagement

Mr. Campbell gave a review of Open House. Jeri McLean asked what other events we have throughout the year. Other committee members shared several events like; Art Extravaganza Night, Coffee & Donuts with PTA, volunteering, Preludes cardboard violin making, PTA masquerade ball, Bingo for Books, Halloween parade, and volunteer opportunities.

Discussion ensued on ways to better communicate volunteer opportunities and the idea to compile a list of jobs/projects to help with (possibilities of using something like Sign-up Genius).

VII. Establish Goals

A. Review KPBSD Strategic Plan

The committee decided to focus on two goals:

1. School security
2. Family handbook

VIII. Set Meeting Dates

A. Oct. 4, Nov. 8, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Apr. 3

Future meetings will occur on the first Wednesday of the month (except January/February). Meetings will be held at 3:30 in the teacher's lounge.

IX. Upcoming Events

- A. Monday 9/4: Labor Day-No School
- B. Wednesday 9/6: Site Council Meeting @ 3:30 pm
- C. Friday 9/8: Early Release @ 1:00
- D. Monday 9/11: School Board Meeting @ 6:00
- E. Tuesday 9/12: PTA Meeting @ 6:30 pm
- F. Friday 9/15: Outdoor Classroom BBQ @ 5:00
- G. Wednesday 9/20: Guest Concert @ 1:00
- H. Wednesday 9/27: Picture Day
- I. Friday 9/29: Early Release @ 1:00

X. Adjourn

Katy Countiss moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Jones seconded. Meeting ended at 4:34pm.