



Paul Banks Elementary School

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
1340 East End Road – Homer, AK 99603 – (907) 226-1801
Principal, Sean Campbell

Paul Banks Elementary Site Council Meeting Minutes

1/17/2024

3:30-4:30 pm

- I. Establish Quorum:
 - Per bylaws, 4 members are required to establish a quorum.
 - Members present: Sean Campbell (principal), Laurie Maples (Special Ed. Teacher), Jill Scalzi (parent), Rachel Lord (parent), Mandy Lehm (parent), Sarah Jones (Kindergarten Teacher), Katy Countiss (secretary)
- II. Review and Approve Agenda
 - A. Jill moved to approve, Rachel L. seconded
- III. Review and Approve Minutes: note that we have not had a chance to update the handbooks but hope to present them at next meeting.
 - A. Amendment - RL add Site Council Project List
 - B. Sarah moved to approve the amended minutes, RL seconded
- IV. Principal's Report
 - A. Highlights:
 1. Winter musical- many families showed up and we posted a recording online as well.
 2. Benchmark data - 13 students exited IRIPS, many moved up in categories, lots of progress. We've seen great growth.
 - RL: What are some strategies for better explaining/communicating and preparing families for this process next year? SJ: learning curve this year, next year will be different (ex: not testing until the winter). Discussion about general testing and benchmarks and alignment with curriculum.
 3. Holiday Economics (2nd grade make/craft items and then buy/sell items)
 4. Enrollment numbers are up (8 new students recently)
 - B. School Development Plan
 - C. Literacy (Read-A-Thon)
 - D. Family Engagement (volunteers, families invited for lunch/recess)
- V. Title I Status: down to 34 % qualifying for F/R lunch
 - A. Discussion about why this has changed (change in demographics, online forms)
- VI. Advocacy
 - A. Budget deficit/shortfalls for next year
 1. Upcoming event: Jan. 25 West Homer Elem. Parent Advocacy night 6-8

VII. Reviewing Board Policies

-Presented by Rachel Lord. Overview Title-1 Policy. Do schools have a say in policy before they go to the School Board? Actionable: when the Board packet is released we'll email it out to the Site Council for review and input.

VIII. ADD Site Council Projects List

-Put together a list of Capital Projects/improvements in a google doc. That way if PTA has extra money or someone wants to donate, we have a list ready.

IX. Mural Input

A. Take a look at the mural across from the office. It has existed for almost 50 years. We're having conversations as a staff and at the PTA meeting about possible changes, edits or additions to it (being considerate of who created it, the history of it, etc.).

X. Upcoming Events

A. Friday 1/26: 100s Day & Early Release

B. Saturday 1/27: PTA Masquerade Ball

C. Monday 1/29: Read-a-thon kick off

D. Wednesday 1/31: PTA Coffee & Doughnuts, Spotlight Assembly, PTA Parent University

E. Friday 2/2: Sprout First Friday

F. Monday 2/5: School Board Meeting

G. Friday 2/9: Early Release

H. Wednesday 2/14: Spotlight Assembly

I. Thursday 2/15 & Friday 2/16 PT Conferences & PTA Book Fair

J. Wednesday 2/21: Site Council Meeting

XI. Adjourn

A. 4:44pm: Katy Countiss moved to adjourn, Sarah seconded.