

Seward Schools Site-Based Council
Agenda – May 13th, 2021
Virtual Meeting over Zoom

Members:

Traci Baumgartner, Jennifer DesErnia, Julie Doepken, Amy Hankins, Alan Haskins, Kait Hazard, David Kingsland, Myla Liljemark, Tyler Mallory, Valerie McHone, Geri Nipp, Al Plan, Heather Shank, Sarah Spanos, Jennifer Swander, Tara Swanson, Deanna Trobaugh, Mica Van Buskirk, Trevan Walker

Present: Mica Van Buskirk, Tegan Retzer, Trevan Walker, Virginia Morgan, Doug Dye, Julie Doepken, Alan Haskins, Jennifer Swander, Jess Gal, Kevin Fochs, Amy Hankins, Kim Barhaug, Traci Baumgartner, Stephanie Cornin, Kait Hazard, Megan Wiley, Deanna Trobaugh, Geri Nipp, Ron Hemstock, Heather Shank, David Kingsland, Tate Barhaug, Jennifer Elhard, Corbin Kirchner, Kim Barhaug, Cody Bryden

Call to order: 6:30pm

Approval of Minutes: Approved, with change of music to library on Public Comments

Public Comments:

Approval of the Agenda: Approved

Reports from Student Representatives

Tegan

- Graduation practice May 17th – 19th 8am – 12pm, families have a parking spot and one set of bleachers
- May 17th at 6pm Award Ceremony
- May 18th Senior Parade starting at HS through town and back to HS
- Sources of Strength final meeting of the year, Youth 360 is still looking for responses to survey
- High School wrestling Regions May 21st and 22nd - State is May 28th and 29th
- KPC registration is open

Old Business - Updates

- Site Council Goals
 - Advocacy
 - Cell Phone Policy –
 - MS following policy set last year-
 - HS: reviewed student feedback from survey given this year. Some teacher encourage use of phones in classroom, for educational purposes, some teachers do not. Misuse of phones is never ok. Student council believes that clear roles with each teacher is a good idea, at the beginning of the year/quarter.
 - Dress Code Policy
 - Draft given, but not a final – Hope is that a final draft is in place and clearly

communicated to students at start of school. Mr. Hemstock spoke up that the wording needs to be clear and definitive

- School Start Times
 - El: longest day in the district
 - Some people would like to start the HS/MS later and possibly have a shorter day for Elem day
 - We looked at bussing schedule and it looks doable but this will need more research
- MS/HS Master Schedule:
 - Delayed this year getting the schedules done because of funding and then staffing
 - Worked with staff and administration to complete the schedule (collaborated)
 - The schedule is currently “mostly” done and hopeful there will not be any district changes to it –
 - Added some classes that were indicated in survey
 - Looked at pairing (similar classes, beginning, then advanced) classes 1st semester and 2nd semester at High school
 - Trying to go live with schedule by Monday the 17th of May
 - HS: FTE is 8.0 which is 2.5 over formula
 - MS: FTE is 9.75 with is 3.25 over formula

New Business

- FFA/Ag Ed Classes
 - Kim Barhaug – update on what we are doing
 - 1st Ag class up and going for Fall and Spring in 2021
 - In three years FFA changed from 11 members up to 17 members now, chapter supports themselves and sends folks to nationals
 - ENR team, send
 - Compete in skills at National Levels
 - All accomplishments are done after school
 - Kevin Fochs is State Advisor for FFA,
 - Hope for FFA is to put a choice of classes out and let students choose
 - Leadership and career-based events
 - Would like to have a greenhouse possibly and could with this program.
 - Tate: Venn diagram: FFA: Leadership, SAE: Experiential Learning, final piece is missing: Classroom, Lab and Instruction
 - Cody: No true Ag class – However competed in a program with: Job

Interview, resume, job description and practice, all learning. Since learning how to make a resume, I have tweaked the resume to get many scholarships

- Corbin: Started in MO, then moved here and have been in the FFA program in Seward, it would be advantageous to both the students and the community
- Site Council Report to District
 - Reviewed – used meeting notes and Site Council Goals
- Site Council Membership 21/22
 - Full at Middle an HS, need two elementary reps
 - Need a community representative
 - Thanks to all support staff
- Principal Interviews
 - Will be announcements soon about logging into and watch the interviews
- HS/MS Track
 - Our track project has been delayed again, now until 2026
 - Parent did research that none of the capital projects were done on this side of the peninsula
 - Assembly and school board needs to hear from parents about what needs to be done with repairs and maintenance.
 - Seward has to advocate for maintenance and repairs to be completed timely, sometimes we are forgotten over here.

Reports from Administrators, School Board Rep & PTSA Rep

- Alan Haskins Seward Elementary
 - Ms Doepken will be leaving, was offered a library position in Chugiak, thanks for being a valuable player
 - Covid been trying, but everyone Staff and community has done a wonderful job, lots of support
 - Seward Prevention Coalition added aids to the el and it was amazing
 - Next year will likely have a mitigation plan, which will likely require face masks in the school, sanitizing,
 - Hires:
 - Psych hiring: Angela Tressler
 - 2nd grade: Evan Sanchez (former student teacher)
 - 4th grade: Meredith Davis
 - Special Ed In: Breanne Smedley
 - Nurse: unfilled
 - Accomplishmetns/partners this year:
 - Hour of Code
 - Sea Week in cooperation with ASLC done via Zoom
 - Puffin Pen Pal with ASLC
 - LEGO Robotics
 - Battle of the Books
 - Migrant Education AfterSchool Tutoring Program
 - Survived COVID-19
 - Online Spelling Bee
 - Dinosaur Week
 - Successful Remote Learning for a quarter and a half

- Able to maintain a Positive Climate and Culture for learning with Staff, Students and Community
 - PTA
 - Artists in School via Zoom and some in person
 - Seward Prevention Coalition Partnership
- Trevan Walker Seward Middle School
 - Wrapping up the year in MS
 - Celebration plan for last day of school – Indoor or outdoor field day, depending on weather – chili dog feed – movie showing in the afternoon
 - Pam Bauer is moving to the valley
 - Shelly Walker is moving to WI and accepted a position
 - Rebecca Dixon – James Madison fellow
 - Nurse Yoly – celebrated –
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- Trevan Walker Seward High School
 - Seniors are finishing up
 - Graduation on the field – slide show in school tomorrow – will post the web page
 - Broadcasting graduation and hopeful to make it a live event
 - Monday the 17th
 - Grad practice at 8am
 - 9-11 finals
 - 6:30pm awards ceremony – only award recipients and a few parents
 - Tues:
 - Grad practice
 - Graduation parade
 - 9-11th Finals as well
 - Wed
 - Graduation Practice
 - 9-12th grades – annual picnic
 - Academic awards – all school assembly
 - Final check outs
 - Graduation at 7pm
 - Nicole Stover is leaving – accepted into AVTEC welding program
 - Dr Roger Brown – Moving to GA
 - Dan Marshall is leaving – 29 years in that classroom – contributions can not be understated - also Keynote speaking at 2021 graduation
 - Track regionals going on as well
 - Trevan departing as well – proud of program and the students that have come through this school
- Virginia Morgan School Board Member
 - Last assembly meeting board asked the Borough for \$53 million, but the assembly set the floor at \$45 million.
- Jennifer DesErnia PTA Representative
 - Scholarship met and hard decision and awarded 3-4 awards

Council Remarks – Round Table – Each Council Member – Closing Thoughts

- Thanks for keeping these ships a float during the covid storm
- Thanks for all

- Thanks to Trevan for all you have done
- Thanks Mica and Jen for bringing up the track
- If questions, comments about schedule please let Mr Dye know by tomorrow
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Add to Next Meeting's Agenda (September 9th) – Maybe August to welcome

Adjourn: 8:58