

Voznesenka/Kachemak Selo Schools

Site Council Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2021

- ❖ **Community and Staff Present-** Neonila Martushev, Anastasia Samoilov, Efimia Basargin, Alivia Erickson, Ksenia Kuzmin, and Michael Wojciak
- ❖ **Welcome- sign-in**
- ❖ **After School support-** Both Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo Schools have after school homework support available for students. Efrocia Polushkin in Voznesenka and Steve Harrison in K-Selo are available every day of the week from 3:30 until 4:30. This has been an underutilized opportunity that we are hoping will gain traction after 1st quarter grades spark some additional concern with students, most notably our high school students.
- ❖ **School Board Meeting information-** At the School Board Meeting this week it was shared that changes to the close contact protocols are being considered. Data has been collected regarding the number of students kept out of school as close contacts and the number of those students testing positive for COVID. No specific information was given about the changes being considered, other than making it less restrictive.
- ❖ **Absences-** Student absences with high school students in both Voznesenka and K-Selo have been quite significant so far this year. It is understood that lots of happenings in the community and students' homes are keeping them home from school. It was also discussed that the protocols over the last two school years built habits that will take some time to overcome. The reality is that students' grades will be impacted for work that is missing and not made up. We will continue to reiterate the importance of attending school to students and parents, which has been a struggle.
- ❖ **Non-Migrant Washington D.C./NYC trip-** An earlier parent inquiry prompted a discussion about the possible opportunity for non-Migrant students to participate in a school sponsored Close Up trip to Washington D.C. and NYC. Knowing mask requirements will deter some parents from sending their children, it will likely not be something considered for this year, but will be a point of discussion for next year.
- ❖ **Parent/Teacher conferences-** Due to masking requirements for visitors during the school day parent/teacher conferences will take place over the phone. This was a decision made by the school, which was supported by the parents in attendance. One parent did comment that she had a good experience with conferences being held over the phone last year and reiterated that it would cause less school/community tension with the expectation of wearing a mask.
- ❖ **Dates to remember –** Below are dates that were brought up with the opportunity for questions and comments. One parent shared that she will help get the word out and encourage increased attendance at the next Site Council meeting.
 - a. Oct. 15th: End of 1st quarter
 - b. Oct. 19th: District Budget Meeting (6:00 HHS)
 - c. Nov. 1st School Board meeting
 - c. Nov. 5th: P/T Conferences
 - d. Nov. 7th Daylight Savings Time ends
- ❖ **Next Meeting –** Tuesday, December 7th @ Selo