

Site Council Meeting Minutes  
February 26, 2025

❖ **Community and Staff Present**

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❖ **Welcome- sign-in**

❖ **Kitchen update:**

All work on the kitchen is complete and the process for getting the inspection by the Fire Marshal has been started. There is still hope that the kitchen will be up and running to finish up the year. This will provide the opportunity to get the bugs out and to make whatever changes are needed for a smooth startup next year.

❖ **School Data:**

MAPS, mClass, and iReady data were all shared, comparing fall and winter results. The difference between norm and criterion referenced data was explained prior to showing school and grade level results. Overall, data showed an upward progression with specific areas showing high growth and other areas needing improvement. It was mentioned that in many schools, homework is an expectation, which differs from our school with homework not being a priority for most of our families.

❖ **School Attendance:**

Currently, our school-wide average daily attendance rate is 82%. Elementary and middle school classes fair much better on average than our high school grades, with the average daily attendance rate being in the 60 and 70 percent range for each of those grades. Our second and third grade classroom has had the best consecutive attendance for the last two years, with a current rate of 89%.

❖ **School Board Meeting:**

Each year there is a district School Board meeting held in Homer, with the next one coming up on Monday. It will be held at Homer High School, starting at 6:00. With the fiscal uncertainty for the upcoming year, and the only contracts issued being for SPED staff, attendees were encouraged to attend so they can be informed of what is happening in the district. It was also shared that the later contracts are given to teachers, the later job postings for unfilled positions can be advertised.

❖ **Artist in the School:**

Throughout the week of March 17<sup>th</sup> an artist in the school will be here to work with our high school students, which will take place from 9:25-2:05. Students will be exploring metalsmithing. It was shared that from past experiences, it's expected that it will be enjoyed by students.

❖ **End of the Quarter:**

Attendees were reminded that next Friday marks the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. This will be an Early Release Day for students, which gives teachers some time to complete their grading.

❖ **State testing window:**

It was shared with attendees that the window for State testing opens on March 24. It was mentioned that in Kenai M.S. there is a pancake breakfast for each day of testing, with that being a possibility for our school next year with our kitchen. With the PTA president in attendance the idea of making it happen this year was kicked around. It's not set in stone, but it is a possibility for this year.

❖ **Title 1 presentation:**

Annie Robinson, our full-time, certified Title 1 staff member, shared a presentation for her 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Title 1 committee meeting. An overview of the program was given that included a video and picture of the two family engagement activities, which were both big hits. Attendees were also reminded of the survey that will be coming out at the end of the year.

❖ **Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9**