

The Lake and Peninsula School District
Regular Local School Advisory Committee Meeting- Kokhanok

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom Internet Conferencing/Kokhanok School

LSAC AGENDA-

1. Call to order time: 4:08
2. Roll call of LSAC Members: Dena, Clint, Janessa, Megan
3. Introduction of Visitors: Lysa, Beth, Krista, Jon, Marina
4. Approval of Agenda: Dena motions to approve, Clint seconds the motion to approve
5. Approval of Previous Minutes: Clint motions to approve, Janessa approves
6. Student Reports: none
7. Old Business: none

8. New Business:
 - A. Introductions of new staff: McKenna and Jon, Krista and Marina in Elementary. New SPED teacher Steve.
New SPED aides, New cook, VBall coach is Nick Wassillie
 - B. Elections: 2 new seats coming up for election, Marisa and Janessa seats, looking for declaration of candidacy. Election is same date as KVC elections, Nov 7th. Went over candidacy rules, and members were given a copy of LSAC rules. After the next election we will reassign chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. Request was made for an electronic version of the LSAC handbook.
 - C. Halloween plans: McKenna reports that student govt. is hoping to hold a fall festival event. At the next staff meeting (week of Oct 16-20) more plans will be finalized. Student govt wants the main event in the gym. There will be a haunted room or smaller section, costume contest, pumpkin prizes, ping-pong and spoon races. It will possibly be on Halloween day from 4:30-6:30ish, or might be pushed to the weekend, plans still need to be decided at the staff mtg. A few visitors suggested that it might be better if the event occurred on the weekend and if volunteers are needed.

9. Principals Report: The facility is in pretty good shape, the district didn't have any summer cleaning projects, Tyrone was hired to work on a few things. New staff and students this year. 1 graduating senior this year. Everything is going well so far and the staff is working out well.

10. Teacher Report:

Marina, 11 students. Marina is acting as head teacher this year. 3 levels going at the same time in math and reading. Personal focus: to get outside more and trying to meet the standards by being outside and taking advantage of what Kokhanok has to

offer. Started the Yup'ik word of the week. Battle of the Books is starting and students will be sent home with books soon. Battle books practice for 3 & 4th graders once a week, after-school. Amplify testing- taking over maps testing, is one-on-one testing, they have to score at the benchmark and if not, have to send student home with a letter and tested every 2 weeks after that until they are at benchmark. Tests take 1 hour or hour and a half over 3 days, about 10 mins per students. Testing is required district-wide.

Jon- Math on-site this year. Most students are in level 6 & 7. One geometry student and one algebra student. Science: level 6 & 7 are together biology and earth science together. Level 8 & 10 (only one level 9) Jon trying to get outside with the students to teach science. Employability: interviews, asking people what they do and how they got there. Want to get more community members interviewed. Wants to get afterschool clubs started: Math competition club, STEM club (want the students to take control), debate team.

Krista: 4 students in Kindergarten, the school year is going well so far. Adjusting really well from Pre-k to K. Amplify testing was done. Students are at the beginning of the lessons for math and reading. Also have a Yup'ik word of the week. The students all have reading homework (read 20 mins every night).

McKenna- 6-12th graders, 12th grader filling out FAFSA, employability skills, resume building, was accepted into the aviation program. History, group of 5, doing the work together. The district is doing history on a loop: all doing world history this year, next year Government. Doing current events every week, watching news and students present their current events for the week. English, they get on-site support and grammar as well. Its virtual but they're really active and participate. Have had several students join the CTE program (3 travelled for the last intensive week). For their cultural awareness, able to draw parallels relating to Alaska history and World history. Still looking for community members to put on cultural activities for students, Tina has been coming in during the afternoon and working out really well.

Beth had a question about the loop, Jon said science is on the same loop, some students working independently if had already taken the subject that is currently offered. Lysa recommended talking about Village Council members to students about who is the president etc. McKenna says that's something they can do.

Steve- Speech is going really well, working on reading, writing, and math. Using a reading program called Rematchly. One student who went to the CTE intensive week for Digital Storytelling and student is going to reapply, Steve hoping he will do a digital story about the community. Trying to integrate the elders lunch program. Working on building a table for the Robotics club, looking for materials from community members. Going to be building robots and doing coding. Steve and one of the students worked

on cleaning up the shop, Steve thankful for KVC for providing help in clearing out the shop. Still working on it and hope the students will be using it for the robotics club.

CTE report: Dena said the 1st intensive week well. BBRCTE made the application process a little easier, students can record a short video for their application if they want to. Dena will send the teachers a short video to show students. The next deadline for the 2nd Intensive week is tomorrow Oct 11th.

11. School Board report: Since June there has been a great deal of budget cuts, no maintenance in the schools, cutting travel, need more community input. Looking for more creative ways to cut the budget, were talking about cutting the school lunches and looking at re-organizing the system (fish, gardening, locally preparing foods). There is a 5 year extension for shortening school year, there was a 4 month outreach on getting LSAC feedback and parent feedback. There was overall support for the shortened school year. Stressed the importance of having your voice heard and voicing your opinions. Regarding the school calendar, more intensive days off because of the Alaska READS act is requiring a lot of training.
12. Comments: Beth can tell a difference with students going outside and having the Yup'ik word of the week in the classroom is helping students use the language in the community. Beth would also like Dena'ina word of the week to be included and can help with that. The shop looks great. There are community members who can help teach trapping, hunting etc. Experiencing out; fishing during the summer, employability skills etc can be included as "Experiencing Out"

Clint asked if we can have scheduled meetings, everyone agreed that the 2nd Tuesday of the month would work for the teachers and KVC. The 2nd Tuesday of the month will be advertised so that more community members can attend.

Can LSAC approve community members to open the library to the community? Rob says a quick background check and yes that can be done.

Steve wants to recognize Megan's work as the school cook, how hard she's working and how much effort she's putting in. Megan asks if any fish from the community to be donated.

13. Informational: Letter from the school board: In response to LSAC's letter of invitation of having the school board meeting in-person in Kokhanok, the school board's response: We appreciate the invitation, due to budget cuts the school board minimizing district travel, hopefully in the future can resume travel but unable to at this time.

14. Future agenda item: Steve wants to invite CTE students to the LSAC meeting to let us know what they learned. It would be an opportunity for the students to speak publicly and to know that the LSAC in their support.

15. Adjournment time: 5:26 pm