

The Lake and Peninsula School District  
Regular Local School Advisory Committee Meeting  
Date February 15, 2023 Time 4 PM  
Chignik Lake, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Chignik Lake LSAC was called to order by Marty at 4:02 PM at Chignik Lake School in Chignik Lake, Alaska.

ROLL CALL OF LSAC MEMBERS

Marty Takak  
Nina Garner  
Natalie Lind  
Miranda Lind (absent)

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Barbra Donachy  
Jacob Chapman  
Melody Wiggins  
Dora Wilt  
Jim Dube  
Mary Isaac  
Clinton Boskofsky  
Shalene O'Domin

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Add seat appointment to agenda. Motion to approve addition to agenda moved by Nina, Seconded by Natalie.

Vote: Voice vote; all in favor; motion approved.

Motion to approve agenda moved by Nina, Seconded by Natalie.

Vote: Voice vote; all in favor; motion approved.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes as presented moved by Natalie, Seconded by Nina.

Discussion: None

Vote: Voice vote; all in favor; motion approved.

Nina made a motion to appoint Mary Isaac to seat A. Natalie seconds.

Discussion: None.

Vote: Voice vote; all in favor; motion approved.

## REPORTS

Principal's/Head teacher's report: Parent/teacher conferences will be held on February 28. Annual school climate and connectedness survey is coming out. This helps state understand how students and staff feel about their school. Survey window opens next week. LPSD will be sending out a brochure to help people log on to the survey. The board will use results to help guide their actions. The survey can only be done online. This is different that the survey that was recently sent out. This is more about school climate than staff.

The board has been in discussions about next year's calendar. The calendar has not been approved. We are sharing a draft with the LSAC in order to help give the board some feedback. Our school calendar will be solidified at a later date.

The culture grant has been approved! We are partnering with Chignik Lagoon in order to help maximize grant monies. Grant funding came from BBNC. Diane Selanoff will come to do culture and arts instruction during the culture week. During the school day, she will do activities with students. She will be available in the evenings to facilitate activities with the community members. This will happen the week before our spring break.

### Teacher reports

1. Preschool: Working on letters A-I. They are blending compound words. In science they are learning about the environment and recycling. In social studies they are learning about communities and responsibilities. In writing, they are writing their names, labels and the number 10. In math, they are counting to 10 and quantities of ten. They are learning to use words to make a sentence.
2. Primary: We finished day 99 today! 8 students now attending. Right after the last LSAC meeting, our Battle of the Books K-2 team competed and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the school district! Right after the Battle, all the students had a chance to complete their second MAP test of the year. The results help teachers know what areas students need additional support. Dora, our student teacher, stepped in immediately and has been working really well with all the K-2 students. Actually, she's been able to step in and sub with all the K-12 students at one time or another in her short time here. In addition to core reading, writing, and math, students just finished studying the sky – patterns with the sun, stars, and the moon. Our next science theme is looking at different types of materials and how they're used. The students are really working hard now. It already feels like the home stretch.
3. Intermediate: February has proven to be an exciting month. We welcomed two new students to the Intermediate Classroom. We are very excited to have six students now in grades 3-6. Desks were moved around and supplies ordered to ensure everyone has an optimal learning space. In Math, students have been learning about *Area and Perimeter, calculating mass, and finding exact volume*. In Reading, students are working on *grammar, fluency, and reading comprehension*. Students are writing summaries this week in writing class.

Intermediate students just finished an art class where they painted four National Parks, including Denali National Park.

We are looking forward to the remainder of February as we wrap up more standards.

#### 4. Secondary:

We're still going to school. There are new students!!! Everyone's getting along great and having fun. Three students are off playing basketball. Two students will head off to Educator's Rising in Fairbanks to present their creative work on Friday and return on Tuesday. On Monday a student will fly to Anchorage to attend the Board of Fishing meeting for this region. They'll be gone all next week. We just got word about Snap Meet and are beginning our preparations for the science fair and writing speeches on the topic "Why". Everyone is doing great work staying on top of their standards and we will fight to keep our pace to finish our levels by the end of the year. It's good vibes in secondary. Students completed AK history and begun US civics and government. Science topics include evolution diversity of life, fossils, geological structures, geosphere, lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere.

There were general questions from LSAC regarding staffing – will we have the same number of staff next year since we have more students? Jim says that probably we will have the same number of teachers. Clinton mentioned the spread of the levels of students. Can we get a student teacher or tutor to help with student needs next year? Jim explained that usually there can be one tutor/student teacher. It depends on who is available and what the need is to determine placements. Would the district look at hiring out of the village to fill positions? Jim says yes, that is an option. Is there a teacher:student ratio? Jim answered that it is not set. The ratio is based on school needs.

5. Student Government Report: Student government has sold 10 sweaters. We also have a planned spirit week Monday February 27 - March 3rd. Spirit week flyers will go out to families next week with more detailed information. Student government continues to meet every week and seeks to stay on top of school events.

#### New Business

1. Basketball Jamboree

Students have just left for PTH. Students will also travel to IGI on March 6-8 for basketball.

2. State Testing

Teachers and staff will be training soon for upcoming testing. 4/3-4/8 are the AK Star test dates. AK Star tests start at grade 3. We would love to have volunteers to cook hot breakfast on the testing days. It starts the testing days off on a positive note. We'll talk about the specific schedule next meeting.

3. Draft FY24 Calendar

There will be a special meeting by the school board to finalize the next school year calendar. The school year has to have a number of days or hours. We don't need approval from school commissioner for the calendar because we are meeting the required instructional hours. The board is collecting feedback on the calendar. The upcoming year will be affected by the READs Act. Reading proficiency by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be required. Our calendar is shorter which could affect

students' number of instructional days by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Please contact the board to share concerns if you have them. Discussion – seems like school activities time is shrinking (sports, school time). The subsistence calendar was a result of budget constraints. This calendar draft adds more teacher days, but not more student days. The subsistence calendar cost savings were realized in part by cutting classified staff hours since those hours were not needed on non-student contact days. The proposed additional teacher days on the draft calendar do not cost the school district extra money. Hopefully the additional professional development on the additional days will help teachers be able to teach students more effectively. School funding is based on student numbers. The small schools get an adjustment. It is a complex formula. Question – what is the school board thinking on the calendar? Jim initially thought the board wanted to add more student days back. But now it seems they are looking more at just adding back days for the teachers. Jim encourages all to contact the board with any comments. Question – was there an analysis of student results based on before the subsistence calendar compared to before? The data we collected prior to the current data does not align to conclusively draw conclusion based on the subsistence calendar. Clinton mentioned that the data of his children indicates that students' results drop from the spring test to the fall. Jim noted that this is actually a nationwide pattern. Question – why are the calendars different for each school? To help alleviate this concern, the window of options will be much narrower. Suggestion made that the school board should just pick the calendar so that testing and online classes are not affected. It would be better for the students.

It was then brought up about installing cameras to watch the exterior doors and the vehicle? Jim checked on this. The response was that having cameras sends the wrong message. But it could be done if the LSAC wants this. The LSAC could pursue having cameras by writing a letter to the board. Question – have there been any other incidences since the truck theft? The staff have been vigilant in locking up everything. Nothing has happened since.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

FY24 School Calendar  
State testing breakfast

#### NEXT MEETING DATE

March 8, 2022 @ 4pm

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved Nina, Seconded by Natalie to adjourn.

Vote: Voice vote; all in favor; motion approved

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Minutes passed and approved this 8th day of March, 2023 by the Chignik Lake Local School Advisory Committee.