

**THE LAKE AND PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

DATE: October 30, 2019

TIME: 3:45

LOCATION: Port Heiden, ALASKA

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Meshik School LSAC was called to order by President Toni Christensen at 3:54 PM at the Meshik School in Port Heiden, Alaska.

ROLL CALL OF LSAC MEMBERS- Quorum Present

Toni Christenson Present

Jaclyn Christenson Present

Charlie O'Domin Absent

Billie Scheffenberger Present

Miranda Lind Absent

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Katie, Alex, Tim, Hannah, DJ, Natasha, Gabby, Jack

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Moved Jaclyn?, Seconded Billie? to approve Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION:

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

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Tabled- minutes were not available. We will work with Kasie to bring those forward at the next meeting

DISCUSSION:

We started the meeting sharing some of the positives of the new year that anyone was seeing. There were many things mentioned that indicate we are off to a good start.

REPORTS:

Student Report from Natasha

- Hoping to do more fund raisers and sponsor a senior trip. Lots of adult interest in chaperoning.
- Plan to order Meshik School clothes for sale after Halloween
- Halloween Party planned for Thursday. Lots of activities for everyone and sponsored by Student Government.

LSAC members responded about how they would like to help. Some would help planning and organizing, others would do more at events, etc. Lots of support when it is needed so be sure to ask.

Teacher Reports-

Gabby- Cultural Awareness focus, Alutiiq songs with students. Lots of support from community to make fried bread and tundra tea.

Hannah- Co teaching elementary and lower grades group. Some absentees so she has had an all-girl group. Could use some help with the Alutiiq language songs and skills if someone is available. Community members always welcomed in school to help or teach kids local and cultural things.

Katie- Been working on science with her two students. They are doing a check in every morning and they are doing very well. Can't just say they are "good". They talk more about emotions and specifics of their day. Working on words with Greek and Latin roots. Reading a lot of books. Big group is building a new website.

Alex- They have a new online schedule that is working out pretty good. Your wild creative videos on Climate Change and will present at a meeting. Would like to see if Donny could teach the kids to make darts. (Toni mentioned others who might be able to help, too). Some kids are coming to school really tired in the morning. There is a gym list and gym nights will continue with new monitor. There is also a kid gym night and a list for no homework, too. There are currently no school aides. Position was advertised early in the year and still open for applicants. Alex could use help with his kids, others can use help, too.

Tim- Working at August and fall inservice with staff on self-regulation and teachers are following through in schools. Seeing good results here and in other communities. Meditation, Breathing exercises, music time, and yoga. Students practicing self-regulation do better on homework and turning in assignments. Attended a conference with Amber in Anchorage. Richard Roddy was the presenter and they liked what he did. Would like to see him come to Port Heiden to work with the staff, students, and community. Tim shared that Jack knows Richard, Jack met him while he worked with the Naknek and King Salmon communities. He appreciated the work Richard was able to do there.

LSAC members felt that they would follow up on this. Funding might be an issue, but Tim shared it might be cheaper for him to come here and work with many rather than send a couple to a training. Tim went to the At-Risk Youth Conference in Anchorage where he learned about a 12 Steps of Native Youth finding their purpose. He talked about making some district wide videos/getting the students involved in making them about each step.

OLD BUSINESS- There was no old business to discuss this time.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Christmas gifts- Coast Guard might include Port Heiden in the Santa to the Villages program. Would be first two weeks of December. Decision may be made soon.
2. Local elections will be held November 5th. LSAC members present would like to continue in their role. May need to ask about when each members term ends since there was some uncertainty.

3. Parent Teacher Conferences November 6th
4. Meeting with LSAC, staff, and Seniors/senior parents November 8 at 3pm to talk about graduation and decorations, etc. Would like to get this organized early so things can arrive on time.
5. Volleyball at Port Alsworth November 18-21
6. Christmas Program was discussed. Staff will work with the community to get something together. Would like to have an Alaska theme and feel. Tentative date for program is December 16.
7. Last day of school before the break is December 18. School teachers return January 6 and students start on January 7, which is also Russian Orthodox Christmas.

PRINCIPAL'S/HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

1. Alex- Alex gave his report earlier and went to volleyball practice
2. Jack- Mostly here to listen. Hearing good things about the staff, students, and community. Seeing the hard work of the students and staff during visits. Sorry we didn't meet in September as an LSAC. Glad to have seen some community members at the pot luck during that visit and meeting others yesterday at a birthday party. Made copies of the data/improvement plan available to LSAC members if they wanted a copy. My next visit will be the week of November 18th.

STUDENT REPORT- Moved to the top of the agenda.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET MEETING DATE

- Need to get April 2019 Minutes to group for approval at next meeting.
- Next meeting will be November 26 at 3:45. Jack will be in Chicago and will call in.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved Jaclyn, Seconded Billie to adjourn at 4:45 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 200____
BY THE MESHUK LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.