

Kokhanok LSAC Minutes
March 22, 2022

Call to Order: 4:05

Roll Call: Marissa Hobson, Sonia Delkittie, Clint Roehl, Janessa Woods

Visitors: Nathan Hill, Lysa Lacson, Beth Hill, Krista Hobson, Rob Fagerquist, Kait Moitoza, Austin McCourt, Josh Jenks, Dana Wolff, Jordan Davis

Agenda approved

Previous minutes approved

Student report: Larissa Eknaty and Honey Roehl report for student government that they are hosting a Peewee Tournament and are looking for volunteer opportunities

Old Business:

1. Athletics 2022/2023. The committee suggests we go with mixed 6 volleyball, mixed 5 basketball, but that we check with the athletes one more time before declaring. Members would also like to explore hosting events here and if wrestling is a possible addition.

New Business:

1. AK Star Testing. The staff asks for support during the upcoming state testing period. Notices have been posted to the school Facebook page and letters have been sent home to parents/guardians. The school is ordering food for hot breakfasts.

Principal Report: Rob Fagerquist reports that all is well with the facility, that the staff is prepared for the final April push. The 1st week is testing, the second is SNAP meet, and we round out the month with a CTE week.

Teacher Reports:

1. Dana Wolff reports her class is going well and she thanked Krista Hobson and Nathan Hill for generously volunteering in her classroom.
2. Jordan Davis reports she has completed all science and social studies standards for the year and is assisting her middle school students with their SNAP meet speeches. She has also signed up six students for this year's ANSEP in Anchorage.
3. Austin McCourt reports he was visited by his state mentor and appreciates all the wisdom and guidance. He has volunteered to chaperone the upcoming SNAP meet and has been doing fun hands-on science projects with his students. He also reports that he won't be returning next year and that his time here has been greatly rewarding.

4. Kait Moitoza reports she will also chaperone the SNAP meet as we have 13 student participants. She has been wrapping up social studies and the last reading projects with her middle and high school students. Kait will also be leaving us at the end of this school year, but she's thoroughly enjoyed her time in Kokhanok.
5. Josh Jenks reports his class is also going well, and that he is enjoying the new math curriculum. He is nearly done with science for the year.

Community Comment:

Janessa Woods requests that we look into hiring a full-time on-site math teacher for middle and high school. She cites the difficulty for many students to keep up with the online math format as it is too fast and doesn't allow students to set their own pace. She believes we have the numbers to justify this, and there are a number of students who are falling 2 levels behind. Nathan Hill offered to fund tutoring through the KVC, if it would be viable. Lysa Lacson said the school should write a letter explaining what is needed, if they intend to pursue this.

Several attendees voiced concerns about the end-of-levels. It was felt that they are an unnecessary roadblock to student progress and that they cause students to lose confidence.

Informational:

1. Jordan Davis gave a presentation explaining the "Experiencing Out" program. She showed examples and directed members to available resources.
2. Josh Jenks gave an update on the planning for Culture Week which is to take place in the first week of May. He is pleased that community involvement has been high, and that the projects are coming together.
3. Rob Fagerquist reports that the school will host a visiting artist thanks to the AK Resilient Youth program. He'll teach the basics of drawing, mask making, and Yupik singing.