

**Superintendent's Report
October 2024**

Enrollment Update: 464students

PK 3	6	34
K 23	7	44
1 40	8	37
2 37	9	43
3 28	10	32
4 38	11	29
5 36	12	40

Adjusted Student Count 454

COMMITTEE WORK:

Budget

The Budget Input Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 23rd. During this meeting, we will review the foundational principles of how funding is calculated and distributed to the district. Additionally, we will examine past and projected expenses, and gather input regarding departmental and school priorities.

Policy

The Policy Committee holds regular monthly meetings. During the meeting on October 2nd, 2024, the following policies and their corresponding administrative regulations were reviewed:

- BP 5112.1: Exemptions from Attendance
- BP 5112.2: Exclusions from Attendance
- BP 5112.5: Open/Closed Campus
- BP 5112.6: Education for Homeless Children and Children in Foster Care
- BP 5113: Absences and Excuses
- BP 5118: Transfer Policy

Additionally, updates recommended by the Alaska Association of School Boards (AASB) were reviewed:

- AR 0520: School Accountability/School Improvement
- BP 1250: Volunteer Assistance
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- BP 4112.10: Employment of Retired Teachers
- BP 6161.2: Damaged or Lost Instructional Materials
- Exhibit E 6171: Title I Programs – Notice to Parents as Required by the Every Student Succeeds Act

Structures and Meetings

I have established a schedule of regular monthly meetings with the Associated Teachers of Petersburg, Petersburg District Support Personnel, and Policy Committee. In addition, I've arranged rotating weekly meetings that will involve the executive team (Mara and Shannon), directors (Cyndy, Jon, Carlee, Aaron), the admin team (Heather, Brad, Jaime), or all groups combined. The Wellness/Safety Committee, led by Carlee, has also begun meeting.

Summer Capital Improvement Projects

Following the passage of Proposition 1 during the recent Petersburg elections, we are moving forward with two key capital improvement projects: the Petersburg Middle School/High School Roof Replacement and the Petersburg Middle School/High School Security Upgrades, which will include door entry replacements and a remodel of the high school office area.

In May 2024, LCG, Inc. was selected to provide architectural and engineering services for these projects. We will review the 65% design drawings on October 15th, and an update on the bidding process will follow that meeting. Additionally, we have contracted with SERRC from Juneau to assist with project administration for both initiatives.

Professional Learning: Learner Dispositions

In September, the instructional leadership team collaborated with Pillar from NIET over two days to establish a framework that aligns with our Visible Learning initiative. As part of this effort, we developed a PLC agenda protocol to streamline our work.

During September and October, the focus with teachers has been to identify 4-6 key characteristics that embody the qualities of learners in the Petersburg School District. Adopting the principle of "going slow to go far," staff participated in an iterative process to narrow down these identified dispositions. A similar exercise was conducted with students. Ultimately, 4-6 core learning dispositions will be selected to represent our learners and guide both students and staff on their educational journey. For example, we envision students confidently stating, "I'm a courageous learner because..." in classrooms at all grade levels.

These dispositions will also support teachers as we shift our focus to improving teacher clarity in the classroom. In November, Yana from Visible Learning will join our in-service via Zoom to assist with this next phase. Yana will also visit us in person on January 6th and 7th to continue this important work.