

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

DATE: January 28, 2020

TIME: 5:00pm

LOCATION: Port Heiden, ALASKA

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Meshik School LSAC was called to order by Vice President Billie at 5:00 PM at the Meshik School in Port Heiden, Alaska.

**ROLL CALL OF LSAC MEMBERS- Quorum Present**

Toni Christenson Present by phone

Jaclyn Christenson Present

Charlie O'Domin Absent Excused

Billie Scheffenberger Present

Miranda Lind Present

**INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

Katie, Alex, Tess, Hannah, Gabbie, Jack

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: Moved Jaclyn Seconded: Miranda to approve Agenda as presented.

DISCUSSION:

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

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- o December 11, 2019

MOTION: Moved Miranda Seconded: Jaclyn to approve Minutes as presented.

DISCUSSION: None

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

DISCUSSION:

**OLD BUSINESS-**

1. **School Playground Grant, local support, JOM, ETC.-** Jack had followed up with Tim McDermott and Kasie since our last meeting on the status of plans to improve the playground or any possible funding that might be available. Playgrounds have been an issue for a while. One time plans for Borough, District, and Communities each to contribute equally never went very far. Most equipment is not available during the school day. Students can use the swings. Tim did mention that one community spent part of the summer painting playground equipment and some minor repairs. That could be an option, too.
2. **Graduation April 27-** Planning decorations and ordering- Lots of ideas for organizing our efforts and getting materials on site early. Still hoping for information from students on what they want for the decorations. Cakes, balloons, paper plates, and food all need to be purchased. Might want to look at Stumps catalog or order from an anchorage store.

Might find some new years eve decorations could help since 2020 is the same. We could mail things if we ordered early enough. We should get together in February to make a plan. We anticipate 2-3 graduates this spring. One student may not want to walk, but people will talk with him. Need to encourage all 4 students who should graduate to stay focused.

3. **Experiencing out presentations by students-** None of the presentations were ready for today. We expected that one or two will be presented at our next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS-

1. Our district is participating in a family survey that complements the survey students and staff do on the climate and connectedness of our school. Let us know what you think of the school and how we are doing. Between now and March 20 people can complete the survey online. If you need to stop by the school to use a computer or tablet, know that you can do that.
2. Following the volleyball tournament at Port Alsworth, staff members became aware that there were students who had brought tobacco, smoking and vaping products with them and were sharing those among students. While no one suggested Port Heiden kids were involved, please remind all students that Lake and Pen follows the ASAA guidelines and has strict policies in place about student travel and the use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices and drug use. If a student violates these rules there can be significant consequences.
3. A Federal Programs audit involving Lake and Pen will be occurring this winter and two schools involved in that audit are Port Heiden and New Halen. Alex and Jack have been doing some preliminary work to prepare for the audit. Thanks to Billie, who will represent our parents, Jess, who will provide a classified employee perspective, and Alex for the teacher/leader insights. It is possible that others would be contacted or invited to share their thoughts. For now we believe just the 4 people mentioned will be talking with the review team.
4. The carnival dates were changed slightly due to a conflict with other student travel. We will have school on Friday, March 13, and there will be no school on March 16 and 17. Please help spread that word to community members.
5. Reports on the recent Gathering of Alaska Natives in Port Heiden are very positive and it was a great event for the entire community. Students were very engaged and a very positive part of the event. Staff were also a welcomed addition to the group and everyone had a great time. Having an outside organizer allowed more people to participate. Kids had a lot of roles including prayer. Very possible this will be repeated in the years ahead. We can always support these events but would like early notice
6. Reminder about tardies, absences, and the subsistence calendar. Attendance continues to be a concern we have to keep an eye on.

#### PRINCIPAL'S/HEAD TEACHER'S REPORT

- Alex- shared many of the good things going on at school. A couple kids had organized pizza sales as a fund raiser. Classes are going well and he is now coaching basketball and the team has a trip planned this week.

- Jack- Seeing lots of good things every time I'm here. Impressed with the staff, students, and community. Seeing the hard work of the students and staff during visits. Having Tess with us is a real boost. Enjoyed meeting her and seeing the good work she is doing. My next visit will be February 18-20th.

#### Teacher Reports:

- Katie shared how fast things are going. Only 13 weeks left and with weeks devoted to basketball in March, Snap meet, state testing, and other activities it will go even faster. Counting books for the library grant with kids to earn \$500.00 for supplies or games. Shift to social studies and how that is taught compared to science. Also doing projects with clay, but no kiln.
- Hannah shared about good things happening in her class, but she also mentioned she is down to one student in the afternoon. This also spurred a brief conversation about numbers for next fall. Jack had told the staff at an earlier meeting he wanted to stay on top of the thoughts on our 20-21 count in case it might impact our teachers, too. For now, it looks like we may only have 13 students in the fall. The district has not said anything about staffing for next year and all current staff were offered contracts for next year so we should not panic about this. It is just smart to be proactive.
- Tim is doing lessons in the elementary classrooms and that just started. Was supposed to be in Kokhanak but travel wouldn't work out this week. Tim will be chaperoning CTE experiences this spring and will do other travel as well. Tim shared that Kari had hurt her back this week and was home recovering. Everyone hope she had a quick and full recovery.

STUDENT REPORT- No student reports.

Community Update: Representatives of the state DMV will be in Port Heiden later this winter to help people get their real ID and to help students 14 and over get their instructional permits. The requirements for paperwork are strict. For more information check with Billie or Miranda.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET MEETING DATE

- Next meeting will be February 26 at 3:30. Jack will call in.
- Students will present on their experiencing out projects.

#### ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved Miranda, Seconded Jaclyn to adjourn at 5:53 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF February, 2020  
BY THE MESHIK LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.