

Nondalton LSAC Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024
5:15 PM

Committee Members Present: Rob Kakaruk, Ilea Aaberg, Betty Wilson
Staff: Colter Barnes, Principal, Shakim Blackwell, Head Teacher, Tracey Thomas, Teacher
Guests: Daniel Gonzalez, citizen.

Meeting called to order at 5:20 pm

It was decided to focus on the Food Program instead of the proposed agenda since we didn't have a quorum to begin, but two additional members arrived to make a quorum.

Colter Barnes shared with the committee what was taking place at other school sites, specifically Kohkanok. He will share their committee agenda, notes and progress.

The USDA food program was to end in October, it has been extended until the end of the semester, December 20th, giving us time to organize, have our own committee and develop a plan

Presently the district is funding the USDA food program to schools to the cost of 1350 dollars per student per school year. Beginning January 4th, this funding will no longer be available. Since this is mid year, if the school/community chose to continue with the USDA program, they would have to come up with \$675 dollars per child to feed them til the end of the school year, approximating 20 students or \$13,500, which breaks down to \$9/meal.

It was suggested a committee be made up of the following representation: Tribal, City, Health, Students, Staff, Elders, or any other interested community member. This committee will organize what steps need to be taken and how to manage and come up with solutions to this situation "How do we feed our students on a daily basis throughout the school year, breakfast, lunch and a healthy snack".

Some steps that need to be taken :

Present to next Tribal Council Meeting and also City Monthly meeting.

- A. Create a committee – with members described.
- B. Develop a needs survey giving two options 1. Raise money to continue with USDA program or 2. Develop own food program utilizing available resources.
- C. Resources can include: Grants, Donations, Food Banks (500-1000# of food), Grocery store donations (Fred Myers, Walmart, Safeway, Instacart), money donations or food donations, Fund Raising Events. Free shipping of lunch food items by Air Taxi's. Utilize Tribal Grant Writers. Work with Fish and Game Department. Kjjik Corporation.
- D. Getting the Word out: Contacting other agencies e.g. Fish and Game, Creating Flyers. Utilizing vacant housing units as overnight rentals for those visiting/working temporarily

in Nondalton at a rate of \$125/night, having this money go to maintain the facility and go towards the Food Program.

- E. Letter writing campaign: Who do we write to expressing our needs
- F. Developing a Menu 10 meal. Students would get same meal 2 x month.
- G. Utilizing local foods e.g. Fish, moose, making traditional foods
- H. Figuring out logistics of cost, keeping a food inventory, ordering, reduce waste
- I. Feed the Elders, program that provides \$10 for every Elder fed within the Community
- J. Build and Utilize Community Green house for fresh vegetables. Bring in Woofers to create and work it e.g. Igiugik
- K. Have student involvement in all steps, tie into math, science, cultural awareness standards.

Rob will talk to Fish and Game and speak to Tribal and City Council Meetings

Danielle volunteered to do whatever needs to happen.

Shakim and Tracey will attend next Tribal meeting, Sept 27th .

Colter will be returning to Nondalton, October 7-13th.

Next LSAC meeting will be Monday October 21, at 5:15.

Looking forward to full Quorum, student and teacher reps and reports, as well as Food Program Advisory Committee report!

Meeting adjourned 6:15PM

Minutes will be sent to attending members.

Thank you.

Minutes respectfully submitted: TAT. 9/23/24