



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Report March 31, 2020 Sherry Becker, Superintendent

Vision: Students are equipped to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Mission: Together we will foster student skills to achieve their goals and adapt to an ever-changing world.

Classified Employee of the Month for February: Terri Kohn

Certificated Employee of the Month for February: Brian Krosschell

Legislative Update:

Passed Legislation:

- SB74, Internet for Schools “An act relating to funding for Internet services for school districts.” Governor signed in to law on 3/25/20 – “* Section 1. AS 14.03.127(a) is amended to read: (a) Each fiscal year, a district in which one or more schools qualify for a discounted rate for Internet services under the federal universal services program is eligible to receive an amount for each school that is equal to the amount needed to bring the applicant's share to 25 [10] megabits of download a second of the Internet services.”

DEED Commissioner Johnson has made several announcements to assist school districts during the COVID-19 Pandemic School Closure:

- The Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS) has waived the requirement for participation in the ACT or SAT tests in order to qualify for the APS.
- The Commissioner has also exercised his statutory authority to issue emergency teaching certificates to those teachers currently in the student teaching phase of their education.
- The Commissioner is also using his authority to issue emergency extensions of teacher certificates.
- DEED is looking into options for waivers on the minimum number of school days required to count as a school year in light of the emergency school closures.
- State testing has been waived for FY20

Emergency Operations Planning (EOP) Committee:

Andy Cook, Airica Tripple, Alan Schwab, Amy McDonald, Branzon Anania, Brian Krosschell, Chad Dillman, Charles Becker, Chris Page Haufe, Janelle Wehrman, Karen Clark, Lisa Cates, Lucienne Smith, Shane Scamahorn, Sherry Becker, Terri Kohn

EOP Committee Activities include:

- Discussion regarding all staff responsibilities, illness, absences, self-quarantine (SIP), reporting, school building entry, alternate plans for staff responsibilities to be covered in the case of inability to complete assigned task, playground closures, travel restrictions, graduation, etc.
- Policy review and procedural updates
- Food Services and Instructional Services continuation – safety of handling materials and accessibility of instructional support
- Student and Staff Contact Documentation
- Special Education Services Documentation
- Health Liaison

Communications with Community Agencies regarding Emergency Operations Planning Collaboration

SISD Health Liaison:

Andy Cook has agreed to serve as the SISD Health Liaison between the school district and local and state health officials. Andy is responsible for connecting with health officials to identify local hazards, determine what crisis plans exist in the school district and community, and to establish procedures to account for student wellbeing and safety during such a crisis. Andy is working with local health officials to coordinate their pandemic/epidemic plans with that of the school district.

Communication with Families:

Regular updates are posted on SISD Facebook page as well as SISD Website. All lead teachers/principals have been asked to also forward families and post in multiple locations throughout the community.

Food Services:

The delivery of food services for both breakfast and lunch has continued throughout the closure. Schools post their pickup/delivery schedule on their Facebook Page as well as in their community. SISD website lists this process for each school.

Instruction Delivery:

The delivery of academic instruction via distance has continued throughout the closure. Plans have been made by all teachers to address the continued academic needs of their students through May 1, 2020. Instruction delivery methods vary depending on the needs of individual students (internet, phone, paper packets with books, supplies, etc.) Schools post their academic pick up/delivery schedule on their Facebook Page as well as in their community. SISD website lists this process for each school.

School Closure Update:

Current information shows that there will be a total of four (4) students living in Hyder during 2020-21 school year. Correspondence school services will be provided for these students via the Hyder library. Other students will be living in and attending school in Stewart, BC which is approximately 3 kilometers from Hyder.

Correspondence Program FY21 (potential enrollment)

Hyder – potentially 4 students will be provided with academic services

Edna Bay – potentially 4 students will be provided with academic services

SISD Schools on Prince of Wales Island – potentially 4-8 students will be provided with academic services

Recruiting:

Positions Open for FY21

Thorne Bay Science Teacher

Thorne Bay Elementary Teacher

Kasaan Multi-grade/Lead Teacher

Port Alexander Multi-grade Teacher

*Not all current certificated staff have been offered a contract for FY21. Per negotiated agreement, SISD has until April 30th to offer a contract to non-tenured certificated staff.

2020-21 School Year Calendar

Two drafts were sent out to schools for input and voted on by ASC – up for Board Approval

2020-21 Certificated Staffing

A Special Education Coordinator position has been created and this position will be covering the following duties: Special Education, 504, Gifted and Talented Student Services, Intensive Special Education Center-Based Program Coordinator, Special Education Substitute Teacher, District Testing Coordinator, Correspondence and Home School Programs Coordinator, etc.

The Assistant Superintendent/Area Principal will be the site administrator for all school sites district wide. This position will also oversee Student Activities, Food Services, and Transportation.

The Thorne Bay School will have one less high school teacher; however, the newly-hired Assistant Principal will be teaching 1-2 high school courses, one of our elementary teachers may be teaching one high school course, and some of our high school courses will be covered by distance as they are in smaller sites.

Collective Bargaining Agreement:

The Negotiations Committee will be meeting on 3/30 and 4/8 to discuss proposed changes from the negotiations that have taken place so far as well as additional negotiations regarding salary and benefits.

Monthly Superintendent Chats – Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a considerable amount of time has been spent communicating with local and state agencies as well as staff and parents. SISD Administrators and Lead Teachers have been asked to list their upcoming ASC meetings on the calendar and to notify the superintendent of the date and time so that the superintendent may attend, give an informal report, and answer any questions that the ASC may have.

Superintendent Activities:

- Food Delivery to out sites
- Dancing with the Spirits hoedowns/potluck attendance
- Recruiting
- Basketball Fundraising – Valentine’s Dinner
- Port Alexander Advisory School Council attendance and report
- Hyder School/Community Visit/Discussions Regarding Potential FY21 School Closure
- Special Education Related Services Coordination
- Special Education Observations, Evaluations for Eligibility, and Individualized Education Program meetings
- Tele/video Conferencing Daily with Department of Education and Early Development Commissioner Michael Johnson regarding COVID-19
- Teacher Evaluations
- Maintenance Update Meetings
- Payroll/Human Resources Meetings
- Leadership Team Meeting
- Emergency Operations Planning Committee Meetings
- Legislative Update Meetings and Legislative Session Attendance/Participation via video/teleconferencing
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Meetings regarding COVID-19 Updates
- Community Connections Meetings
- Vehicle Drop off at airport for related services specialists
- FY21 Preparations Meetings
- Grants Discussion Meetings
- Daily Governor Dunleavy Press Conferences
- All Staff Meetings regarding COVID-19
- Daily meetings with Commissioner Johnson and Superintendents statewide
- Magnet School Grant work
- Alaska Council of School Administrators Legislative Fly-in cancelled – attending virtual sessions/Presenters:
 - **Angela M. Rodell - Chief Executive Officer for the Alaska Permanent Fund**
 - **Pat Pitney, Director of Legislative Finance, Alaska Legislature**
 - **Representative Andi Story**
 - **Nils Andreassen, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League**
 - **Dr. Steve Atwater, Executive Dean, University of Alaska College of Education**

Recommendations on Board Approval Items: DEED Commissioner Michael Johnson

9.B. I recommend approval of the AASB policy updates: BP 5141.41 and 5141.51.

10.A. I recommend approval for the 1st Proposed FY21 General Fund Budget

10.B. I recommend approval of the Hyder School Closure Plan.

10.C. I recommend approval of Calendar A as the 2020-2021 Calendar for All Schools.

10.D. I recommend approval of Resolution 2020-03: A Resolution Updating Signatories on District Accounts

10.E. I recommend approval of the PowerSchool Human Resources Module Agreement

**10.F. I recommend approval of the Ratification of Three-Year Contract with GCI
Communication Cooperation for Digital Transmission Services**

10.G. I recommend approval of the Whale Pass Disaster Plan Memorandum of Understanding