
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District
Title VII Indian Education Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting April 11, 2011 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Soldotna Aspen

CALL TO ORDER: **Laurel Hilts, Acting Chair**
Meeting called to order @ 6:00 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Laurel Hilts, Acting Chair** S B English Present
Amber Glenzel KCHS Representative Present
Susan Wells Kenai Middle Teacher Present
Sasha Lindgren Elder Present
Suzanne Jackson Nikiski Jr./Sr. High Rep Present
Sunni Hilts Board Liaison Absent
Bettyann Steciw Chapman Representative Absent
Elizabeth Eskelin SMS Representative Absent

STAFF PRESENT: Norma Holmgaard Director, Federal Programs and K-12 Schools
Sandy Miller Assistant Director, Federal Programs
Timothy Vlasak Director, Secondary Education
Shelley Stockdale Grants Specialist/Title I/Title VII
Teresa Kiffmeyer Native Youth Council Leader (telephonically)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sondra Shaginoff Stuart Kenaitze Indian Tribe Education Coordinator
Mike Petersen Executive Director, Project GRAD
Bonnie Pierce Project GRAD

I. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1. The committee and guests introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

1. Norma Holmgaard asked that “Public Comments” be added to the Agenda after item IV., the Review of Current Programs. It was so added.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Laurel Hilts spoke on tabling the election of new officers until all of the new members could be present and made official by each of their site’s council. It was agreed and Amber Glenzel moved to table the elections, Susan Wells seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV. REVIEW OF CURRENT PROGRAMS

- a. **School Based Tutors:** Norma Holmgaard reported that no pre and post data from each school that have tutors has been received. The schools are Kenai Middle, Ninilchik, Nikiski Jr. Sr. High and Susan B English. Laurel Hilts commented that without data, it will be difficult to make the decision to continue with the tutoring program. Susan Wells suggested setting target goals. Amber Glenzel suggested inviting the tutors to one of the meetings to tell the committee what they do and how many students they serve as it helps to hear and see someone who tutors the children to get an idea of how the program works.
- b. **MOA Activities:** Two members of the Youth and Elders Club spoke on behalf of the Kenaitze Indian Tribe’s various activities. Sondra Shaginoff Stuart spoke on the Art Camp coming up in June and about the other activities planned for the youth. Norma Holmgaard presented the committee with a financial update on the MOA’s, stating there was still \$49,000 that had not yet been drawn down. Norma Holmgaard stated that any outstanding money left over at the end of the year has to go back to the Federal government.

- c. **Native Youth Leadership Council:** Kate and Anna from the Leadership Council provided a power point presentation on the activities of the group so far this year. The girls stated there were 16 members from 8 different schools around the Peninsula. They also stated they have worked on many team building activities and look forward to the next meeting coming up in May.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Bonnie Pierce commented on what a great job the kids did at Juneau representing the youth all across the Peninsula, during one of the Native Youth Council Leadership's meetings. Mike Petersen also commended the group and their leader Teresa Kiffmeyer. Sondra Shaginoff Stuart expressed her concern over the Kenaitze Connection with the District and wants it to stay.

VI. FY'12 ENROLLMENT COUNT

1. Norma Holmgaard explained the Enrollment Count document which showed the number of Title VII students at each school across the Peninsula. Susan Wells was concerned with Connections having such a large number of students and wanted to know if the District should be focusing on educating their teachers more. Norma Holmgaard explained the need for targeted Title VII activities to be based on data and be measurable. She stated that if tutoring became a priority activity, tutors would be assigned to the schools with the greatest need.

VII. FY'12 GOALS / TARGETED SERVICES

1. Norma Holmgaard passed out a FY'12 Priorities Sheet to each member of the committee. She instructed the committee members to fill out this form and get it back to the District Office by 1:00 PM, Friday, April 15. She also explained each item on the sheet and let the committee know they should discuss priorities amongst each other so everyone is in agreement. Public comments commenced and were stopped so all committee members could voice their opinion on what they would like to see for the Title VII program. Laurel Hilts reminded the committee that the children are the first priority.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.