

**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District  
Federal Programs Advisory Committee Meeting  
October 6, 2011 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Risk Management Bldg. Soldotna, AK**

**MEETING MINUTES**

***Welcome & Introductions***

Meeting began at 9:05 am

Welcome by Sandy Miller, Asst. Director of Federal Programs

*Members and Guests introduced themselves:*

- Sandra Miller, Assistant Director of Federal Programs
- Jan Kornstad, Nikiski Community Member & Grandparent
- Kelly King, Homeless Liaison Central Peninsula/Seward Areas
- Lynn Dusek, Community Member & Parent
- Ksenia Kuzmin, Voznesenka School & Parent
- Fenya Basargin, Razdolna School & Parent
- Mike Peterson, Project Grad
- Jane Stein, Soldotna Community Member
- Hannah Toporek, ELL Specialist
- Lori Manion, Professional Development Coordinator
- Tim Vlasak, Director Federal Programs, K-12 Schools & Assessment
- Holly Martin, Practicum student
- Mary Blossom, Admin Secretary, Director/ELL/Migrant & Parent

***Tim ~ Review of District Wide Student Achievement Data***

*Presented description of this year's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP)*

- School district goals same as 2010-2011
- Increase student achievement and student engagement

*Student data*

- Handout provided to show scale score average in reading, writing, math and science
- Biggest improvement occurring in student drop-out rate
- AYP deals with percentage proficient
- Annual Measurable Objectives
  - ✓ As a district, we did not meet AYP overall due to grad rate, LEP and students with disabilities subgroups
  - ✓ As a state, 12 out of 54 districts made AYP; all 12 had less than 30 students
- Response to intervention working in 6-8 graders in our district

***Sandy ~ Title I-A***

*Funding*

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- Program lost \$200,000 this year; safe & drug free schools (Title IV) eliminated last year; Title II-D next year
- Pre-K
  - ✓ Six fully funded pre-k classrooms; must have enrollment of 10
  - ✓ Chapman, Mt. View, Nikiski North Star, Redoubt, Soldotna Elementary & Tustumena
  - ✓ Team of three teachers screen for enrollment in the spring. 98 enrolled, still have kids coming in and placed on wait list
  - ✓ Program reduction/elimination at Voznesenka & Razdolna
  - ✓ Fall 2012, all pre-k teachers must have early childhood education or 12 credits

- ✓ Pre-k teachers must meet 4 times this year in a collaborative training
- District at Level 1 improvement, have set-asides out of our budget (@\$560,000); Level 3 schools, two schools must provide choice for parent to send their student to another school not in improvement
- As funding declines, possible to step away from completely certified positions, option might be using paraprofessionals

### ***Sandy ~ Title I-C Migrant Education***

- Priority for Service list sent from the state, these students must be served as a priority
- Certified teachers funded in part at Kachemak Selo, Razdolna, Voznesenka & Nikolaevsk
- Interesting reading programs
  - ✓ One year magazine educational subscriptions for K-6 graders for the third year
  - ✓ Summer reading voucher gift cards at Barnes & Noble, offers education discount and free shipping
  - ✓ Nook e-readers, expecting feedback this fall.

### ***Kelly King ~ Students in Transition (Homeless Program)***

#### *Handouts presented with update information*

- To date 84 students have been identified as fitting the homeless definition
  - ✓ 66 in central peninsula; 18 in south peninsula
  - ✓ 40 are unaccompanied youth; 44 reside with a family unit
- Most of our families are local, though multiple families have moved here from other areas
- Working with peninsula health services
- Getting ready to assist families for the holidays
- Other agencies and newspaper, legislative interest in homelessness in our district/community
- Kelly noted families do not automatically qualify from year to year, they must re-qualify
- Also of note is the increased need for transportation assistance

### ***Hannah ~ ELL (English Language Learners)***

#### *Handout presented showing Title III draft of Plan of Service*

- Member and community input is sought for the Title III, Limited English Proficient Plan of Service, which is up for renewal for 2012-2013 school year
  - ✓ Educational goals for LEP students
  - ✓ Procedures for identification and parent notification
  - ✓ Program services, professional development and staff description
  - ✓ Annual assessment of English and content progress, program monitoring
  - ✓ Equal access and parent & community involvement
- This year will see change for both initial and annual assessments. ACCESS for English Language Learners will replace the annual IPT

### ***Lori ~ Title II-A (Professional Development)***

#### *Handouts provided explaining program update*

- Professional Development steering committee expanded to include technology review process
  - ✓ Reviewed site level grants
  - ✓ Develop process for review of technology requests (software, hardware, Web 2.0)
  - ✓ Review past purchases and current software usage
  - ✓ Complete a PD needs assessment, analyze data and make recommendations for 2012-13
- Site level PD grants awarded to 1 schools, Nikiski Middle/Sr High
- PD site liaisons
  - ✓ Facilitate site level grant application process
  - ✓ Train certified staff and support administrator in resource use
  - ✓ Submit needs assessment results

- ✓ Develop courses in Avatar
- Professional Development opportunities
  - ✓ Develop a catalog of PD opportunities
  - ✓ Continue with Discovery Ed
  - ✓ Support implementation of effective instruction
  - ✓ Establish collaboration in grade/content level teams
  - ✓ Provide ongoing tech support
  - ✓ Offer coaching opportunities for individuals and small groups
- Discovery Ed video demonstration
  - ✓ Children without internet
  - ✓ Activities done mostly in classroom, not typical for Discovery Ed assignments done at home, usually with Smartboards
- i-Safe
  - ✓ Required for district to receive e-rate funding
  - ✓ New legislation saying you have to teach on-line safety
  - ✓ Parent component; mentoring older kids component
  - ✓ Teachers must teach the material, all certified staff must be trained by Christmas break
  - ✓ Every student must receive lessons from their teachers, part of health curriculum

#### ***Tim ~ Title II-D (Technology); Career & Tech Ed***

- Distance Education
  - ✓ Move is toward middle school with distance delivered courses
  - ✓ Online students do not do as well, tough coursework and kids struggle with teachers teaching multiple grades
  - ✓ Would like to see middle school student move to standards based education
  - ✓ Using Rosetta Stone tool, need certified teacher in that language
  - ✓ Currently developing Russian language
  - ✓ Can only offer two levels, no mechanism for reading or writing
- Career & Tech Ed
  - ✓ State has awarded \$850,000 to the district for 5 years
  - ✓ District is working toward developing a long-range plan that's beneficial and sustainable

***Next Meeting: April, ?? 2012–Time & Location TBA***

***Meeting Adjourned 12:00 pm***