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# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

October 8, 2015 Borough Building, Soldotna, AK

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MEMBERS PRESENT:	Rebecca Dixon Carolyn Choate Monica Anderson Pamela Breedlove	Seward (via Lync) Homer Flex (via Lync) Homer Middle/West Homer (via Lync) Pt. Graham
STAFF PRESENT:	Conrad Woodhead Timothy Vlasak Maribeth Snell Rachel Pioch Jennifer Freeman Bonnie Pierce	KPBSD Native Education Coordinator Director, Federal Programs and K-12 Schools Grants Specialist/Title I/Title VII/Migrant Ed. Tutor, Skyview Middle School Project GRAD Project GRAD
PUBLIC PRESENT:	Michael Bernard Charmaine Lundy	Analisa Seldon Sabrina Hames

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Conrad Woodhead opened the meeting with introductions of committee members, staff and public present at the meeting.

### **II. PURPOSE AND REVIEW OF PAST PRIORITIES AND OUTCOMES**

Conrad continued the meeting by defining the purpose The purpose of KPBSD's Title VII program is to provide supplemental supports for Alaska Native and American Indian students for a successful experience throughout K-12 schooling years through prioritized targeted assistance at five middle schools and five K-12 schools. Targeted assistance was defined as providing assistance to areas that had the most need. The number of identified Title VII eligible students has risen recently and we hope the number will continue to increase after educating principals on identifying eligible students.

Budgets based on identified students:

2014-2015 had 992 identified students equating to \$391,473

2015-2016 has 1086 identified students equating to \$443,703

He continued with the review of the program adding that there has been an increase in the Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership program, facilitated by Project GRAD, and that 55 students have earned a ½ credit through the program, which has also supported language programs in Nanwalek and Port Graham.

ANSEP Middle School Academy had 48 middle school students qualify and complete. Additionally, 24 of these students applied on their own for the summer program. Eligible students are in grades 6-8 who are on track for high school algebra by 8<sup>th</sup> grade. KPBSD is looking in to partnering with the Lower Kuskokwim School District for ANSEP funding and looking in to grants to help with travel and chaperone costs.

Priorities for FY 16 include continuing the targeted academic tutoring since it has proved effective, continuing the KPNYL program as facilitated by Project Grad and the continued support of ANSEP. Additionally, in his position as Native Coordinator, Conrad will focus on partnering with regional entities for cultural and language opportunities.

### **III. KPNYL**

Jennifer Freeman from Project GRAD led the discussion on KPNYL with an overview of the program presented in a detailed PowerPoint presentation. The goal of the KPNYL program is to provide middle and high school students with opportunities necessary to learn leadership skills while having pride in their culture. The program works on two levels: Native Youth Leaders Council Teams at school sites and KPNYL District Delegates. The Native Youth Leaders Council Teams are open to all middle, junior and senior high school students. There are 12 sites at the moment. Native Youth Leaders Council members have the opportunity to become KPNYL Delegates if they are an Alaska Native student in 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades with a GPA of 2.0 or above and have had 2 years of membership at a school site Council. Delegates have the opportunity to travel and earn .5 leadership credit, which serves as an incentive for younger students to maintain participation in the Councils. Rachel Pioch reported on the Native Youth Leadership Council at Soldotna Middle School where students focused on Spartan Pride and created school memorabilia to raise money.

Students at each site Council created a banner for each site and selected a site representative. Students in 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades will have the opportunity to participate in the Phlight Club and Career Institute, and grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> can participate in the Leadership Institute. This year the Leadership Institute is going to the Alaska Federation of Natives. In the Spring Semester, students in grades 10<sup>th</sup>-12 can participate in the Summer College Institute.

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

The meeting was opened for questions and comments. With none presented, Sabrina Hames, Soldotna High Student, talked about her involvement in KPNYL. Conrad then asked attendees to send feedback on the next meeting time, which will be held before winter break with the bylaws as an agenda item.

### **V. ADJOURN**