

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting April 15, 2013 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Borough Building, Soldotna, AK

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sally Ash	Nanwalek School
Crystal Jones	Tebughna School
Brenda Tefon	Skyview High School
Lara McGinnis	Ninilchik School*

STAFF PRESENT:

Timothy Vlasak	Director, Federal Programs and K-12 Schools
Sandra Miller	Assistant Director, Federal Programs
Teresa Kiffmeyer	KPNYL Coordinator
Maribeth Snell	Grants Specialist/Title I/Title VII/Migrant Ed.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alma Moonin
Mike Peterson
George Holly

*Application and site-council approval pending as of the date of the meeting.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The committee and guests introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW OF PROGRAM AND RESULTS

Review: Tim Vlasak reported on Title VII student assessment data and how we are doing as a district and compared to the rest of the state. This year in our district 54.3% of Title VII students demonstrated proficiency in Language Arts and 49 % in Math. Statewide the percentages were 67 and 74% respectively. Out of 54 districts statewide, only 12 did as well or better than our district by comparison.

III. NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL REPORT

Teresa Kiffmeyer reported on the current activities of the Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership Council. KPNYL now operates on a site specific and district wide level. At the district level, a student must apply with a letter of recommendation and maintain a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible. Participation at the site-specific level is open to middle school and high school students at schools with a KPNYL advisor. There are site-specific KPNYL groups at Tebughna, Nanwalek, Skyview, Soldotna High School, Nikiski High School, Ninilchik, Susan B English and through our Connections program in Soldotna and Homer. These focus on doing a community service project. The KPNYL site advisors are provided with and follow a curriculum based on the Everyday Leadership series. Teresa recently held a two day meeting with the district wide KPNYL group in Soldotna and members are planning on attending the Leadership Academy in Seldovia April 26-28 and the Summer Institute in June.

IV. TUTORING

Tim Vlasak reported on the results of the Title VII tutor support. Tutoring is offered at the middle school level at Susan B. English, Nanwalek School, Ninilchik School, Mountain View Elementary, Seward Elementary and Middle School, Port Graham School, Tebughna School, Kenai Middle School and Soldotna Middle School. Students are being served primarily in the subjects of math, reading and writing. Testing scores of Title VII students have demonstrated gains in language arts, math and reading. A committee

the district determines which schools will receive tutoring, and Tim answered that tutor support is determined by both population of Title VII students and the number of students who need assistance based on pre-assessment tests.

V. PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

The priority ballots were distributed with the following activities: Native Youth Leadership Council, Summer Institute with Project Grad, Tutoring, and Professional Development for tutors, aides and teachers. Those present were asked to rate the activities in order of importance and to write in any priorities they felt should appear on the ballot. Those who wrote in a priority were asked share and explain their selection.

VI. BYLAW REVISIONS AND APPROVAL

Tim Vlasak presented revised by-laws to the committee. Specific changes addressed by the revision were 1) changing the name of the committee from Indian Education Title VII Parent Advisory Committee to the Title VII Advisory Committee 2) appointment of members annually instead of every 3 years 3) a site representative doesn't necessarily have to be a parent or a grandparent 4) sites can appoint alternates and 5) a quorum would not be necessary to conduct committee business. Those present voted to approve the revised bylaws.

VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Lara McGinnis volunteered to act as committee chair and those present approved her appointment.