

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Kenai Elementary Consolidation Steering Committee  
February 26, 2007, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Mt. View Elementary School Library

Present:

Committee Members from Sears Elementary

Principal: John Cook

Secretary: Kimb Remsen

Parent: Tina Patterson

Teacher: Cindy Thomas

Committee Members from Mt. View Elementary

Principal: Jim Dawson

Support Staff: Koreena Ortiz

Parent: Trudy Jones

Teacher: Berni Wensley

Joe Arness

Doris Cannon

Laurie Wood

Others:

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The meeting was called to order by Joe Arness at 4:00 pm.

Mr. Arness welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for everyone to introduce themselves.  
Present at the meeting were;

Mt. View Principal: Jim Dawson

Mt. View Support Staff: Koreena Ortiz

Mt. View Parent: Trudy Jones

Mt. View Teacher: Berni Wensley

Facilitator: Joe Arness

District Office Representative: Doris Cannon

District Office Secretary: Laurie Wood

Sears Principal: John Cook

Sears Secretary: Kimb Remsen

Sears Parent: Tina Patterson

Sears Teacher: Cindy Thomas

Mr. Arness described his position on the committee is strictly as a facilitator, he does not have any connection to either Sears or Mt. View elementary schools.

Mr. Arness described how the committee will operate as a group on a conversational basis. There will be no defined structure/ method of operation of the group. Items discussed will be the process of moving Sears Elementary to the currently named Mt. View building.

1. Doris Cannon is the contact for District Office.
2. All recommendations are subject to Superintendents approval.
3. Committee's responsible for providing communication from District office to public.
4. Encourage both school representatives to establish bulletin board to post minutes from meetings for public viewing for consistency in information delivered.
5. Utilize the combined expertise of all in committee to define and solve problems.
6. Committee must have a positive voice to the merging process, to make it a positive and productive process.
7. A decision will require 5 votes to be activated.
8. Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per person. The committee will set aside a total of 30 minutes for public comments.
9. There will be an agenda displayed on the web page before each meeting.
10. Committee members will separate into three (3) working groups, 2-3 people per group. Each group completes research and reports to larger group as a whole.
  - a. Physical Committee: physical move, transportation and space allocation.
  - b. Functional Aspect Committee: educational design of school; Library, Special Education program, etc.
  - c. Psychological Factors Committee: public relations

Next weeks meeting committee will divide into the three (3) subcommittees and their topics.

Mr. Arness will produce a letter to community describing the Commencement of Sears/Mountain View consolidation

Public comment:

Barbara Ralston: Suggestions to consider in discussions:

Early start time for school

Pick new name, color and mascot for school as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm