

# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Title VII Advisory Committee Meeting

Teleconference Meeting January 29, 2013 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Amber Glenzel	Kenai	Absent
	Betty Steciw	Chapman	Absent
	Chrystal Moon	Tebughna	Absent
	Mary Christofferson	Nikiski Middle/High	Absent
	Dorothy Wagoner	Nikiski North Star	Absent
	Sally Ash	Nanwalek	Present
	Brenda Trefon	Skyview High School	Present
	Renee Haller	Susan B. English	Present

STAFF PRESENT:	Timothy Vlasak	Director, Federal Programs and K-12 Schools
	Sandra Miller	Assistant Director, Federal Programs
	Teresa Kiffmeyer	Native Youth Leadership Council Coordinator
	Maribeth Snell	Grants Specialist Title I/Title VII/Migrant Ed.

### **I. TUTOR SUPPORT**

1. Sandy Miller began the meeting with a discussion of the Title VII tutor support currently offered through Title VII funding. Tutor support is now offered at Susan B. English, Nanwalek School, Ninilchik School, Kenai Middle School, Mountain View Elementary, Seward Elementary and Middle School, Port Graham School and Tebughna School. A total of 130 students are being served primarily in the subjects of math, science, reading and writing. Tutoring is conducted in the classroom so it is not necessary for students to be pulled out of class to receive help. More than half of the Title VII budget goes to tutor support, and we are looking forward to seeing the results of winter assessment tests to see the impact it has had on the students receiving tutoring services. Tim Vlasak also added that one of the funding priorities identified by the Committee last spring was tutor training, and funds were used this year for training opportunities for Title VII tutors. Sandy Miller added that tutoring doesn't go above 9<sup>th</sup> grade, mostly because students in high school have too many other activities. The question was raised as to the total number of Title VII are identified in the district, and the answer was about 1023. The question of how we identify students for tutoring was also raised, and Sandy Miller 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.

### **II. KENAI PENINSULA NATIVE YOUTH LEADERSHIP REPORT**

1. Teresa Kiffmeyer reported the progress of the Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership program. This year the program has expanded to include both a district-wide program available for grades 9-12 and smaller, on-site councils at the middle and high schools open to grades 7-12. At the time of the meeting, 11 schools in the district have a site council advisor. The site councils meet four hours a month and focus on leadership and community service. Each site will work on a community service project. The 11 site council advisors just met for an inservice to discuss the curriculum. High school students can earn .5 credit for participation in both the district wide program and the on-site programs. The district wide program will meet in Soldotna February 24-26 for three days of leadership activities and again in April at the Ageya center in Homer. It was asked how many students would be participating in the February meeting. Teresa replied that 22 students will be participating provided they are in good standing with their grades at the next grade check. Tim Vlasak added that the addition of the on-site councils will encourage participation in the district wide program and added that the credit is an incentive for

in the council are held to the same academic standards as students who participate in other activities and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in order to participate in the program.

### **III. COMMITTEE BY-LAWS**

1. Tim Vlasak presented to the Committee recent amendments made to the bylaws. Significant changes include changing the name of the Committee from the Parent Advisory Committee to the Title VII Committee, membership, terms, and who can vote. The bylaws were also amended to reflect that the committee may vote by a simple majority as opposed to have a quorum necessary to enact committee business. A copy of the amended bylaws will be sent to all of the committee members.

### **IV. OTHER MATTERS**

1. The next Committee meeting will take place around the last week of April or first week of May.

### **V. ADJOURN**