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**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**  
**Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Meeting**  
Teleconference February 11, 2014 Borough Building, Soldotna, AK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorothy Waggoner Nikiski North Star  
Brenda Trefon Skyview (telephonic)  
Crystal Moon Tebughna (telephonic)

STAFF PRESENT: Timothy Vlasak Director, Federal Programs and K-12 Schools  
Sandra Miller Assistant Director, Federal Programs  
Teresa Kiffmeyer KPNYL Coordinator  
Maribeth Snell Admin Secretary/Title I/Title VII/Migrant Ed.  
Mike Peterson Project Grad  
Vivian Rojas (Tutor) Susan B. English School  
Lisa Thomas Teacher, Skyview High School  
Wesley Andrews Teacher, Skyview High School  
Marilyn Johnson Principal, Tebughna  
Debra Blossom Tutor, Ninilchik School  
Jenna Standifer Tutor, Tebughna School

**I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

Tim Vlasak opened the meeting with an overview of the Title VII program and a review of the priorities that were identified at the April, 2013 meeting.

**II. REPORT OF CURRENT TITLE VII TUTOR SUPPORT**

Sandra Miller presented the Winter Data Review of the tutoring services. Assessment tests from last spring identified students and locations that would most benefit from tutoring. These were identified primarily in middle schools. Tutoring services now serve 94 students at the following nine locations. The breakdown of locations, tutoring hours and number of students served is as follows:

<b>Site</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>	<b>Number of Students Served.</b>
Susan B. English	2	5
Seward Middle	3.5	4
Soldotna Middle	3.5	10
Ninilchik	3.5	6
Kenai Middle	4	17
Nikiski Middle	4	20
Tebughna	6	9
Nanwalek	6	12
Pt. Graham	6	11

**Assessment**

Student performance is assessed through diagnostic tests administered in the fall and winter. These tests adjust according to each student's abilities in order to identify academic weaknesses. This year, served students in many grade levels showed significant increases between the fall and winter assessments:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number of Students</b>	<b>Number of Students with Increased Scaled Scores</b>
2	2	2
3	9	7
4	3	1
5	5	2
6	13	8
7	32	18 (56%)
8	19	10 (53%)
9	8	3
10	5	1
11&12	3	0

Out of 69 students served district-wide in math, 51 showed an increase in scaled score and out of 30 students served district-wide in reading and language arts, 16 saw an increase in scaled scores.

The above data is missing scores from 33 students who either were not tested or did not have a set of scores for comparison.

Sandy pointed out that at Tebughna, 100% of all the students being served showed significant gains in test scores. Marilyn Johnson took this opportunity to commend Tebughna's Title VII tutor, Jenna Standifer.

### **III. KPNYL**

Teresa Kiffmeyer reported on the Kenai Peninsula Native Youth Leadership. There are currently 16 members in the district-wide group. There are 8 on-site chapters with a total of 50 students participating in meetings and activities focusing on leadership skills. Each site meets for 4 hours a month. At Soldotna Middle School on-site chapter, the students will be participating in a survival class. Vivian from Susan B. English stated their chapter's focus on outdoor education builds responsibility and leadership. Their site has been participating in a kayak and water skills class and will do a rappelling class in the spring. The KPNYL Phlight Club will meet next March 7-9 at the Homer Middle School. Students will create a video presentation of their leadership development. This summer from June 2-13, KPNYL students will get a chance to participate in the Summer Institute at the Kachemack Bay campus. The focus of the institute will be exploring math, science and the humanities through Socratic seminars.

### **IV. REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE INPUT**

Tim Vlasak asked for community input to help set program priorities for the next school year. Priorities will be voted on at the next meeting in April.

### **V. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

The meeting was opened for questions and comments. Vivian Rojas addressed the attending tutors to ask if the students taking assessment tests took the tests together. Staff from Ninilchik and Tebughna replied that all students take it together. Vivian also added that she felt having someone in the building to encourage students was essential. Tim Vlasak pointed out that our district-wide drop-out rate has dropped and that compared to the state-wide rate, the district is doing well. Bredna Trefon noted that Skyview does not have a Title VII funded tutor and inquired why one isn't placed at every school. Sandy and Tim pointed out that with the exception of K-12 schools, none of the district high schools have a tutor since historically greater success has been shown by serving at the middle school level and that high school students have less interest in receiving services. Marilyn from Tebughna noted that tutoring is working fine at their school but they do have concerns for students taking grade-level online courses when students are not at grade level since giving individual instruction in that situation is difficult. Mike Peterson suggested showing students a graph of their progress as a motivational tool. Dorothy Waggoner asked if the number of students being served

(94) is a set number for the year. Sandy Miller and Tim Vlasak explained that tutors are placed at schools according to greatest need and the students served are determined by testing data, so the number served will change from year to year. He added that we recently enlisted the help of school administrators to make sure that all eligible students submit forms to be enrolled in Title VII. He also reiterated that tutor placement at the middle school level has shown the best success rate since high school level students generally don't want or are too busy for tutor services and students at the elementary level already have support through Title I and Interventionists.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned and committee members and guests were thanked for their time and encouraged to contact the district with any questions.