

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kenai Elementary Consolidation Steering Committee
April 10, 2007, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mt. View Elementary School Library

Committee Members
Support Staff: Koreena Ortiz
Principal: John Cook
Parent: Trudy Jones *left at 4:30 pm*
Parent: Tina Patterson
Teacher: Cindy Thomas
Principal: Jim Dawson
Teacher: Berni Wensley
Secretary: Kimb Remsen

Joe Arness
Doris Cannon
Laurie Wood

Others: Sam Stewart, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by Joe Arness at 4:05 pm.

An agenda for the meeting was handed out to committee members. Meeting minutes were approved.

Doris Cannon:

1. Question from last weeks meeting regarding Custodians and Cleaning Crews.
 - o Glen Szymoniak is going to be getting that worked out.
2. Question from last weeks meeting regarding Cost of Name Change.
 - Cost of Sign is \$5,500.00, covered by a grant from the State of Alaska.
 - Labor cost to install sign is handled by the Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance.
 - Stationery/letterhead is now printed off computers via a template on a by need basis, it is no longer ordered through a printer.
 - No cost for Data Processing to change names on Computers.

Joe Arness:

1. Public Comment Section
 - o Meeting is to remain informal
 - o Public comments are to be restricted to end of meeting.
 - o Steering Committee members may stay after 5:00 pm for discussions with public.
 - o The Steering Committee may ask specific questions of a member of the audience without waiting until the end of the meeting.

John Cook:

1. Agenda Item 6:
 - Subcommittees are asked to meet this week to discuss topics within their committee and bring information back to Steering Committee on Tuesday's meetings.
 - Steering Committee agreed to the following:
 - Email is appropriate way for subcommittees to communicate.
 - The public will be asked for input but will not sit on sub committees.
2. The final staffing list and time line for that list will be discussed with Tim Peterson.
3. Agenda item #7:
 - Inservice day for consolidated school staff to meet.
 - Minimum day for students. (students leave school around 1:00 pm)
 - Staff only, not a public meeting
 - Contact transportation department to find out bus schedule availability
 - Staff needs to send input on agenda items and time of meeting to Mr. Cook.
 - Notify parents of inservice (2 weeks notice)
 - Pull both calendars from each school to see what days are open for meeting.

Name Change:

1. Updates presented by Mr. Arness.
 - Mr. Arness spoke with the President of the School Board regarding the name change.
 - The President of the School Board is skeptical regarding having the board make that decision, because in her view the decision is better made by the steering committee and then bring their recommendation to the School Board.
 - Mr. Arness asked if there was a need to revote on whether there should be a name change between 8 members of the steering committee only voting.
 - It was agreed by the 7 members present (Trudy Jones absent) that they do not want to re-vote.
 - Discussion was made regarding tabling name change but it was decided to move forward on collecting input from public for name change.
 - An input form will be put on the School District Web Page and handed out to each student.
 - The two administrators from the existing Mt. View and Sears schools would pick two staff members from each school to collect input forms, organize data and bring that information to the steering committee on Tuesday, April 17th.

Sam Stewart:

1. The concept of the committee was never to be voting, it should be a consensus model, with compromise. The interest of the district is to get on with the business of educating kids, it is not the name. The name is important to people, we understand that. The interest of the district is to get on with the business of educating kids and getting the staffs to work together.

Comments from General Public:

- Don Dormady, public member: Feels there was no vote for a name change because it was a four to four vote. He feels that members of the committee are being intimidated. He offered to pay for an advertisement in the newspaper so community is notified of the form.
- Mrs. Ralston: Volunteers to put information from input form on a spread sheet so that we can move forward on making decisions to consolidate the schools.
- General public: Has total faith that the sub committee can make a choice on a name.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm