

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Kenai Elementary Consolidation Steering Committee
April 17, 2007, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Mt. View Elementary School Library

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

Doris Cannon
Laurie Wood

Others: Sam Stewart, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by John Cook at 4:00 pm.

An agenda for the meeting was handed out to committee members.

John Cook is now the facilitator for the steering committee meeting.

Meeting minutes from the April 10th, 2007 meeting were not approved. Berni Wensley handed to John Cook her requested changes from a collaborated effort between her and Koreena Ortiz. It was agreed that Mr. Cook will review her changes against the verbatim meeting minutes.

Doris Cannon: Administration Report. Doris stated there were no questions from the committee at the March 27th meeting so there were no answers for her to bring back to the committee.

Name Change: John Cook discussed the process of the input collected from students and community members for name change ideas. Then a subcommittee group of 4 staff members (Terry Cramer, Dave Daniel, Donna Anderson, and Barb Ralston) collected all input and came to a consensus on a name for the new K-5 elementary school. Below is a statement they prepared that Mr. Cook read verbatim.

When the idea was presented to change the name of the newly consolidated school it was with intention of giving the staff and community an opportunity to work together on a common goal. The idea was never to cause controversy or a divisive environment. On Monday April 16th, a sub committee of 4 people met to review the input forms of naming the new school. After careful consideration of all the input forms along with open and honest communication we came to the consensus that Kenai K-5 School should retain the

name of Mt. View. This consensus was reached based on the desire to unite the staff and the community so that our efforts can be focused on the job at hand - creating a successful consolidation between Sears and Mt. View, thereby creating a positive working and learning environment for everyone. Please join us in supporting this decision.

Sub Committees: Mr. Cook described the three sub committees (Functional, Physical and Human Resource) and their goals, strategies and expectations. These committees will meet during the week and report back to the steering committee every Tuesday. A handout was given to each sub committee with goals, strategies & action steps, responsibilities, timelines and evidence. Copies of these documents can be found on the below link:

Physical Committee Link – <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/superintendent.aspx?id=7204>

Human Resources Link – <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/superintendent.aspx?id=7202>

Functional Committee Link - <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/superintendent.aspx?id=7206>

The sub committees broke into groups for 20 minutes to discuss the hand outs.

The sub committees came back together and one member of each committee gave a brief description of their discussions.

Physical Committee: Cindy Thomas

1. Set up meeting with Dave Spence of District Operations
2. Classroom compressions
3. Request a connex
4. Create a model classroom for teachers to see what furniture is already available at Mt. View.

Human Resource Committee: Korina Ortiz

1. Kindergarten Orientation
 - a. Collaborate both school calendars for possible date.
 - b. Who to have present

Functional Committee: Kimb Remsen

1. Kindergarten Orientation
 - a. Collaborate both school calendars for possible date.
 - b. Who to have present
2. Advertise for new school
 - a. Orientation
 - b. Registration
 - c. Opening Ceremonies

Public Comments:

John Cook requested all public comments be kept to 3 minutes per person. If public has questions please use the comment form on the web or submit question to a committee member after the meeting.

Barb Ralston: Two questions;

1. Is it possible to get sheds earlier?
2. Reminder that if they are going to do maintenance on rooms, Jim White's crew will be in soon and we are supposed to have our rooms marked for desk and computers.

Don Dormady: Stated his concerns with the prior leadership of the consolidation steering committee and that he was impressed by the manner in which the group is working now under Mr. Cook's leadership.

Leroy Hienrick: Is there going to be a closing Ceremony for Sears?

Barb Ralston: Yes, it is May 18th, it will begin with the Sears students to begin with approximately 2:30 ish we will have a short presentation there on the playground with popsicles there. Then the kids will go home and there will be a barbeque from 5:00 to 6:00 for community and family members, from 6:00 – 7:00 there will be an inside presentation and cake and walking from the arch going from the present school closing to the new school opening. And if anyone would like to help out you can.

Ginger Cohen: Asked how the staffing will be figured out. Will it be based on what they currently teach, or who puts their names in first for positions?

John Cook: Responded with the teaching is based on;

1. Staff tenure
2. Ratio of students per class set by school board
3. Total population of school, right now it is estimated at 388 students
4. Staff input

Don Dormady: (made another comment but it was inaudible)

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm