

KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Kenai Elementary Consolidation Steering Committee  
May 8, 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 absent

Teacher: Cindy Thomas

Principal: Jim Dawson

Teacher: Berni Wensley

Secretary: Kimb Remsen

Doris Cannon

Laurie Wood

Others: Dave Spence, Director Planning & Operations, Bill Kopecky, Director Kenai Peninsula Borough Maintenance Department, Glen Szymoniak, Assistant Superintendent and Tim Peterson, Director of Human Resources.

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

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

The meeting minutes for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting were approved.

Doris Cannon: Administration Report. Doris Introduced Dave Spence, the Director of Planning & Operations, Bill Kopecky, the Borough Maintenance Director, and Glen Szymoniak Asst. Superintendent.

John Cook: Bill and Dave came out to Mt. View and did a walk through to discuss facility.

1. Playground equipment
2. Storage sheds
3. Carpet issues
4. Structure of School and condition.

Dave Spence: Explained process of maintenance on schools.

1. All buildings are owned by Kenai Peninsula Borough
2. Schools are visited annually and meeting with Principal & Custodians of schools
3. A list is created of projects needed that range in 15,000 or more in nature.
  - a. Below 15,000 are worked into the schedule.
4. List is prioritized for life safety, maintenance needs and general upkeep.
5. The State has a renewal and replacement list that has to be addressed first before other needs are met.
6. Unforeseen circumstances sometimes take precedence over upgrades (School falling into bay across inlet)

7. Borough Assembly administers the funds and the School District applies for Grants from the state.

Playground equipment move:

1. KPBSD recognizes the needs of the K-2 kids on the playground.
2. Moving playground equipment is very labor intensive
  - a. Digging up concrete anchors
  - b. Physical move of playground equipment
  - c. Landscaping of Mt. View playground to make room for equipment.

Bill Kopecky: Playground Equipment

1. Schedule for installing playground equipment is a 2 year schedule.
2. Borough will look at funds in September to see what is available for ordering new equipment for installation summer 2008.
3. Equipment takes 8 to 9 weeks to have delivered. Any purchases over 15,000 have to go out to a sealed bid.
4. Catalogues will be delivered to Mt. View. When reviewing catalogues for desired equipment, be sure to add 70% to the cost for installation and shipping expenses.

Glen Szymoniak: Playground Equipment

1. Asked steering committee to decide what equipment is needed, and placement of the equipment.
2. Make a list of small items (ie: jump ropes, balls, etc.) that will be available at the beginning of the year for the K-2 grades to use during recess.

Dave Spence: Connex

1. An unheated brand new Connex will be arriving from Seward Middle School
2. Delivery will be by May 18th to Mt. View.

Sub Committees Reports:

1. Physical Committee
  - a. Model Classroom
    - i. Connex will be delivered within the next week.
    - ii. Empty room 4 into the connex
    - iii. Set up model classroom
2. Human Resource:
  - a. Kindergarten orientation
    - i. Advertising, newsletters
3. Functional Committee:
  - a. Kindergarten Orientation
    - i. Flyers were sent out at both schools
    - ii. Advertisements in papers, radio
    - iii. Orientation will be held tonight at Mt. View library at 6:30 pm
    - iv. Daycare room available
  - b. Before & afterschool programs
    - i. Contacted boys and girls club for morning activities: not interested, because they would have to open another club house.

- ii. Local daycare: offer morning daycare, buses can pick up and bring kids to school.
  - iii. Breakfast program
  - iv. Discuss using district stipends for academic type activities held in the morning.
- c. Library
  - i. May 10<sup>th</sup> weeding out Mt. View library
  - ii. May 11<sup>th</sup> working through Sears collection, last day of circulation of books at Mt. View
  - iii. May 17<sup>th</sup> the book cases will be moved from Sears to Mt. View
  - iv. May 21<sup>st</sup> books will be shelved and duplicates pulled.
- d. Pre registration this week
  - i. Time of choice we need to get our message out to parents.
  - ii. Advertise positive place at Mt. View
  - iii. Pre registration will happen all week.

Inservice meeting with staff:

- 1. Tenured teaching staff have been assigned to teaching positions.
- 2. Start time & end time, accomplishing the most for the students.
- 3. Focus for school: Learning and great teaching

Parent teacher request forms:

- 1. Available in both schools at this time.
- 2. Put teacher request form on web page.
- 3. Requesting academic reasons for request.

Closing Ceremonies:

- 1. May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007.
- 2. Invitations have gone out.
- 3. Speakers are being recruited
- 4. Activities for adults and children
- 5. 600 people estimated, open to all public
- 6. Music will be heard from the music department.

It was decided that the steering committee no longer needs to meet. All goals can be accomplished between sub committees. **Sub committees will continue to use the consolidation steering committee email address to keep all committee members updated on individual progress.**

Public Comment: Comments only

Barb Ralston: Where are we on the school to school visitation? The topic was discussed amongst the steering committee members and it was decided that the steering committee will continue the conversation via emails and make a decision on if and when the walk through will take place for K-2 students.

Don Dormady: He stated he is concerned with the process of the name change and asked for the administration and Mr. Cook to explain it to him.

Public: Comment on why are we having combined classrooms.

Doris: The school district will be using soft money (grant money not guaranteed each year) to assist with lowering the pupil teacher ratio for this year. This money is being taken from other activities to benefit the students in the classroom. We want parents to continue to advocate the legislature to provide hard money (money given every year) that will help to lower pupil teacher ratio, so we will not have to discontinue the other programs the grant money is originally designed for.

Tim Peterson: The starting PTR was +4 for elementary schools. The ratio was changed to (elementary schools with 200 or more students) kindergarten to third grade is +1, 4<sup>th</sup> grade to 6<sup>th</sup> grade is + 2.

John Cook: The multi age classrooms are balanced out for academic success. The expectation of each teacher, whether they are in a combined class or not, is to differentiate per every particular child in the classroom. These teachers know how to do just that and I am looking forward to working with them.

John Cook: Thanked community members for coming and showing interest and support for the new school.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm