

## Voznesenka School

### Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2016

- ❖ **Community and Staff Present-** Frosia Polushkin, Drosida Kalugin, Irina Kalugin, Vera Afonin, Barbra Martishev, Efrosinia Polushkin, Sofia Martushev, Lisa Reutov, Domanika Sanarov, Maria Kalugin, Zena Reutov, Stephanie Reutov, Marfa Kusnetsov, Fenya Reutov, Anisia Reutov, Ksenia Kuzmin and Michael Wojciak
- ❖ **Welcome- sign-in**
- ❖ **2016-17 Calendar**– There was one change made to the 2016-17 calendar. December 23<sup>rd</sup> is a paid holiday for classified staff, this is now a vacation day. Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> was added as a student contact day. Updated calendars have been approved by the state and are available on the school district website.
- ❖ **Lease Agreement** – Voznesenka School has been in session without a signed lease agreement for almost 2 years. The community has agreed to accept the \$1.05 per square foot. However, they are asking the district to pay \$750.00 a month for water usage. VCCI is a separate entity from the Voznesenka water utility. VCCI claims utility costs should be separate from the lease of the building. If the district includes the cost of water in the lease, then VCCI will need to pay the water plant for water usage each month.
- ❖ **Budget (Staffing)** – If there are no changes in the legislation, next year Voz is slated to lose a .5 teaching position. Mike is working with the district, we have construction classes available at the school that are funded through the CTE department. Between the general ed fund and CTE we are hoping to keep staff at status quo.
- ❖ **Around the School** – New double doors have been installed in the main building and the furnace had some routine maintenance. A new porch railing and steps to the furnace room has been installed and a new faucet to the preschool room was installed. Through the district equipment fund we ordered new cabinets for the office. These are awaiting approval pending the district lease agreement. The cabinets are needed to store office supplies, which are currently stored upstairs. There are some safety concerns in hauling the supplies up and down the stairs.
- ❖ **Cougar Code-** We had a school-side PBIS celebration on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Students played a variety of board games, it was great to see students actively engaged instead of just watching a movie.
- ❖ **Battle of the Books** – This year’s MS and HS students participated in the Battle of the Books. Students will be attending a field trip on February 18<sup>th</sup>. They will celebrate with pizza and swimming at Homer High.
- ❖ **Title One/Migrant** – Voznesenka students benefit a lot from the Migrant program. In addition to providing staff, the Migrant program will pay for Migrant students swimming lessons, rock climbing lessons and bus costs. Frosia Polushkin is our new Migrant recruiter. She will be contacting families in the fall. The Title One program fund the preschool programs, which emphasizes social and emotional development as well as reading intervention programs. Coming soon are gift certificates to the Homer Bookstore. Math Counts, pull-outs for basic math facts, Moby Macs, are programs used by Migrant students. Parent volunteers are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers may be eligible for a Fred Meyer gift card. On Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:15 to 4:30 Migrant will be hosting a Family Literacy Night. Students from all grades are encouraged to attend.
- ❖ **Spring Fundraiser** – We decided to have an annual Athletics Fundraiser instead of holding multiple fundraisers throughout the year. Last year we earned \$4000.00. All funds raised benefit students directly. It was a great learning experience. There were discussions on what we could do different. We agreed to have multiple locations set up to sell food. The date is set for May 19<sup>th</sup>. The final planning for the fundraiser will be held at the next site council meeting.
- ❖ **Soccer** – This year there are more games scheduled. All participating students are required to have a sports physical. Soccer practice will start on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ **Football** – There will be a spring conditioning camp from April 18<sup>th</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **District Budget Meeting** – The district budget meeting will be held at Homer High at 5:30 on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ **Swimming Lessons** – All students from Kindergarten through grades 5 will be have the opportunity to go swimming and rock climbing the full week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Licensed instructors will be available at a ratio of 1 instructor per 5 students. There will be 3 instructors in the pool at all times. We are asking for parent volunteers to supervise the locker rooms, especially dads. Students will rotate with a ½ hour swim, ½ hour climbing, and a ½ hour reading, then return to the school for normal dismissal time. The Migrant program will pay for the bus and

all participation fees for Migrant students. VCCI donated \$1500.00 to offset the cost for the non-migrant students. The schools 710 fund will cover \$900.00 and non-migrant students are asked to bring \$20.00.

- ❖ **Attendance Survey** – With the lease agreement not yet signed, the district is looking at doing a cost estimate on what it would cost to bus students from Voz to Homer area schools. Parents were opposed to having their child attend schools in town. The discussion amongst parents was to home school students through a non-district program, drop out after 16 was also discussed. Closing the school was not an option for the parents.
- ❖ **Close-Up Meeting** – The field trip is set for April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. The total cost of the trip is \$3,025 per student, which includes a trip to New York. Michael Wojciak and Ksenia Kuzmin will be chaperones. To get the early bird special, deposits are due by April 22, 2015. Make checks payable to Voznesenka School. We will be working with several local organizations for funding assistance. Students will be responsible for fundraising.
- ❖ **Next Meeting** – Has not been set.