

# Voznesenka School

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

- ❖ **Community and Staff Present-** Efimia Basargin, Afanasia Sanarov, Linda Etwiler, Nadejda Reutov, Glikeria Polushkin, Anfisa Kalugin, Michael Houghton, Efrosinia Polushkin, Helen Matveev, Katie Melrose, Valentina Kusnetsov, Elaine Chalup, Akcinia Kulikov, Ksenia Kuzmin and Michael Wojciak
- ❖ **Welcome sign-in**
- ❖ **Chronic Absences** – Students missing 10% or 17 days of school fall into the chronic absence category. At Voz 36.13 students missed 17 or more days of school. We will continue with the same procedure in addressing chronic absences. Students missing more than 8 days will be mailed home the first attendance letter. Students that have missed 12 days or more will receive their second attendance letter with a follow up phone call from the principal. Those students missing 15 days or more may be in jeopardy of losing credit. The principal, teachers, parent/s or guardian/s and student will work together to see if the student is eligible for credit.
- ❖ **Budget Committee** – The district budget committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Homer Middle School. This is an open meeting, any community member interested in attending is welcome. This is an informational meeting to share where the district funds are allocated.
- ❖ **SIP Goals** – Each school is required to develop a School Improvement Plan in regards to student achievement. Several teachers attended a Leadership Academy in May of last year. They chose certain goals that needed to be addressed. Goals were revised at the staff meeting and have central office approval, and are now brought to the site council for approval. Voznesenka's first goal is to increase students eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship to 50%. Last year 30% of seniors were eligible for the scholarship. To ensure the goal is achieved, staff will be working with students by offering higher level classes on-line. Students will be made aware of what classes they need to take to be eligible. The counselor will be working with and monitoring student progress in Powerschool. Parents were supportive of the goal. The second goal is to look at student data for students from K-8 to identify gaps in proficiency. To reach the goal, one data collection day per quarter has been set aside where teachers will collaborate, create graphs and spreadsheets to analyze student data. Substitutes will be provided so teachers will be available to work on/explore data. Data will be used to guide instruction. Students' strengths and weaknesses will be addressed. The third goal will include raising Voznesenka's writing scores using Write Tools since we did not meet the AMO in writing, the school is required to have this as a goal. However, the school is given a choice on the action steps it will take to achieve the goal. All teachers have been trained in Write Tools. Follow-up training is scheduled for Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. The district also has a goal to increase writing skills of students. This year the state is changing the testing procedures. The paper SBA testing will be replaced with electronic assessments. The three day window has been extended to a five week window.
- ❖ **Girls Soccer** – Rachel Allmendinger, our interventionist, will be the soccer coach this year. Coach Zank will be assisting. This year's high school students will be traveling to several games. They will be following the Seward varsity team and playing JV games. The program will require funding and support from the parents. There is a \$100.00 participation fee. The fee will help offset the cost of uniforms and travel. For uniforms, parents are in favor of having longer shorts instead of shorter skorts.
- ❖ **Title One/Migrant** – Rachel Allmendinger is our Migrant recruiter this year.

- ❖ **Cougar Code** - The School has implemented PBIS. Students following Cougar Code/positive behavior are given tickets. Tickets are then turned in for individual prizes and a school-wide celebration. For the celebration, a survey of students determined students are interested in having a movie afternoon.
- ❖ **Introduce Katie**- Katie Melrose is the new language arts and consumer science teacher.
- ❖ **PowerSchool Guide** - Information explaining the new standards based grading system for students from grades K to 5 was shared with parents.
- ❖ **Football** - To support athletics at the school we are looking at several fundraising ideas. We are thinking of having a Russian food event at the Gear Shed. A Culture Day in Homer is also planned, where we will serve food by the plate. We will be looking for student and parent volunteers.
- ❖ **Afterschool Program** - Lisa Nordstrom is holding an afterschool Learning Lab on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:05 to 4:05
- ❖ **Wrestling** - Practice tee shirts and shorts have been ordered for the wrestling programs. They will be \$45.00 for the set.
- ❖ **Battle of the Books** - Homer Rotary donated \$150.00 to support our Battle of the Books program. Books have been ordered and received.
- ❖ **Next Meeting** - The next council meeting has yet to be set.