

# Voznesenka School

## Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2013

- ❖ **Community and Staff Present-** Ksenia Kuzmin, Anfisa Kalugin, Katherine Serge-Hoeschen, Linda Etzwiler, Maria Kalugin, Frosia Polushkin, Irina Kalugin, Ulita Reutov, Lubava Martushoff, Afanasia Sanarov, Michael Houghton, Anna White, Eric Knudtson, Rick Foster, Lisa Nordstrom, and Michael Wojciak
- ❖ **Welcome sign-in**
- ❖ **PBIS Implementation** – We are in the implementation stage of a new student management system, PBIS (Positive Behavior and Interventions Support). The program is used by many schools in the district. It focuses on rewarding positive behaviors, consistently – across all grade levels. We are in the installation phase, establishing leadership teams and gathering data. Initial implementation will begin after Christmas Break. Voznesenka’s expectations are: Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible. We will start rewarding positive behaviors in the hallways, outside, and the computer lab. Once clear guidelines have been established in these areas and students/staff have become comfortable we will focus on classroom expectations.
- ❖ **School/District Goals-** The district expects all schools to set achievable goals, based on data collected. At Voznesenka we will continue to try and improve student attendance, by sending home attendance letters and communicating to parents the importance of school attendance. Research shows absences affect academic performance. We will focus on organizational excellence by implementing PBIS.
- ❖ **ASPI (Alaska School Performance Index)** – The state is replacing the AYP school performance rating with ASPI. This model uses the star rating. Voznesenka is a 4 star school. Michael shared a power point and explained how school progress-using SBA trends, sub groups (LEP, SWD, AN/ AI etc.), attendance, graduation rate, work keys, ACT & SAT participation all factor into school performance.
- ❖ **PTC Schedules** – Parent/teacher conference schedules were shared with parents.
- ❖ **Wrestling-** The high school wrestling practices will be at Homer High. We are grateful to McNeil for allowing us to use their gym last year. However, moving the wrestling mats after each practice has become a challenge. We know this will limit the number of student participating.
- ❖ **Title One-** No new updates
- ❖ **Site Council Bylaws** – Site council bylaws were made available to parents. They are also posted on the school website.
- ❖ **Volunteer paperwork** – We have 2 field trips coming up. The 3rd-6th grade class will be going to Anchor Point, they will be participating in the Salmon Egg Take on October 11<sup>th</sup>. On October 15<sup>th</sup> students from grades 3-12 will have the opportunity to see the Quixotic performance at the Homer High auditorium. The school will provide a bus and pay the \$1.00 per student fee. We need parents & volunteers to ferry students from the school to the bus turnaround. All volunteers will need to do volunteer screening. Driver paperwork was made available to parents.
- ❖ **Early Release Days** – Teachers will have 6 collaboration days throughout the school year to look at the Alaska Standards and how students will meet those standards. Students will be released early once per month on the following days: Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 16<sup>th</sup>. To stay consistent and minimize confusion, students will be dismissed at the same time the last day of each quarter Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ **New Certificated Position** - Funding has become available to hire a Migrant teacher. The new hire will be responsible for interventions and Migrant support.
- ❖ **Youth Court** - A youth court after-school academy will start in late October. There will be 8 after-school classes held at Razdolna and 8 after-school classes held at Voznesenka. Jenny Sorenson and Kathy Serge-Hoeschen will co-teach with Ginny Espenshade, the director of the youth court program.
- ❖ **Washington DC** - Final payment for the Dc trip is due March 13<sup>th</sup>. Students are required to bring comfortable walking shoes, have a valid photo ID to board the plane, and have formal attire packed for one occasion. The necessary medical paperwork, and student registration was made available to parents.
- ❖ **Next Meeting** - The next council meeting has yet to be set.