Voznesenka/Kachemak Selo School

Site Council Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2019

- **Community and Staff Present**- Agafia Reutov, Polly Reutov, Zinovia Reutov, Anna Kuzmin, Rosie Reutov, Claudia, Reutov, Elizaveta Reutov, Elizaveta Murachev, Efrosinia Reutov, Hena Konev, Tatiana Kuzmin, Jen Sorenson, Alana Greear, Lorne Carroll, Aaron Walbrecher, Effimia Reutov, and Michael Wojciak
- **Welcome- sign-in**
- **Field trip-** The potential school trip to Europe in the spring of 2020 with Selo high school students was discussed. Access to Migrant funding to support this trip was actively pursued and it was found that they would most likely only receive about $500 per student. With the estimated cost of this trip reaching over $4000 the feeling is that this is too much of an expense for our Migrant families, especially those families with more than one child.
- **Public Health–** Lorne Carroll introduced Aaron Walbrecher as the new Public Health Nurse for our area. He comes to us from the Washington D.C. area. Lorne talked about impact of pertussis and ways to prevent the spread of the disease. He also talked about the role of Public Health Nurses in relation to how they support the work of the clinics and hospitals. He shared that they did lose one staff due to recent budget cuts, which affects the support they are able to provide. Lastly, he showed a bag that is used for the safe disposal of pills. He had some with him that were quickly taken by those in attendance.
- **Budget –** The district's current budget situation and concerns of potential impacts was discussed. We talked about increases to the PTR, reduction of classified staff, the possibility of school closures, as well as additional cuts. Also mentioned was the difficulty of creating a district budget when the State budget is not approved until after the 90 day legislative session.
- **Building at Selo –** The Borough has recently signed an agreement that is being sent to DEED. They are requesting a waiver from DEED that would extend the June 30, 2019 deadline for up to seven years. If this waiver is not approved the funds for the Selo school will go away. Mike will keep the community informed about the outcome of this request.
- **State testing –** State testing will begin next week and is currently scheduled from Monday through Thursday. It is expected that we will have some make-up tests, but this does take staff away from teachers who would otherwise be working with groups of students. Parents were asked to do their best to make sure students are in school. Students in grades 3-10 will be tested.
- **Selo Graduation-** The graduation at Selo will be held on May 20th at 1:00. Kindergarten students, 8th graders, and seniors will be involved. The senior students are responsible for requesting the use of the barn and determining if there will be a full meal, or only desserts. Mike mentioned that the afternoon graduation makes it difficult for staff and students in other schools to attend. Last year several staff in Voz could not attend due to when the ceremony was scheduled to take place. It won't change for this year, but will be taken into consideration for future years.
- **Community Cleanup-** It was decided that Selo School will participate in a school-wide community cleanup that will include community support. Tentatively this is scheduled to take place during the first week of April. This will be in addition to the cleanup at the end of the year. Details on how the arrangement of this activity will be discussed at the next Selo staff meeting.
- **Office Building –** The community owned building that currently houses the office, workroom, and two classrooms is designated to be off limits when there is more than 1 inch of snow accumulated on the roof. The high school building was under the same restriction, but was addressed by the owner Nikit Kuzmin. The community owned office building needs the same attention. Mike asked those in attendance to help in getting this message to those in the community that can address the problem.
- **Title/Migrant-** Effimia Reutov asked parents their thoughts on the Migrant/Title programs in regards to what is currently available to students. Parents' responses included their appreciation the family day, book club, and swimming. Activities presently offered are expected to be offered again next year.
- **Next Meeting –** TBD