



Academic Policy Committee
April 13, 2023 * 758 N. Shoreline Drive Wasilla, AK

Agenda

The Charter Vision:

Our vision is that our children and youth become life-long learners and are successful in their chosen path.

Our Mission: Our children and youth receive a world-class education through exceptional Alaska Native culture and values-based learning opportunities preparing them for success in their future endeavors.

- Land Acknowledgement & Invocation
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
 - Karen Don-*Present*
 - Isha Twitchell-*Present*
 - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon-*Present*
 - Elena Gorovaya-*Present*
 - Christine Cassidy-*Not Present*

Others Present: *Esther Shade, Carl Chamblee, Tyler Gilligan*

- Approval of current Agenda: *Geraldine makes motion to approve agenda, Elena 2nds, motion carries.*
- Approval of Minutes for March 9, 2023: *Geraldine makes motion to approve minutes, Karen 2nds, motion carries.*

1. Committee Reports & Updates

A. Principal report:

Mr. Gilligan shared data from iready showing comparison from other schools in the same district with similar student population, size. Big Lake 56% Butte Elementary 48% Dena'ina 54% Finger Lake 6% Macheztanz 61%. Students are currently taking STAR: Math Testing from current data school is making growth and is on target.

Pre-enrollment: 189 student population. Middle school and high school numbers are growing and expected to spike.

Sports application to ASAA has been submitted. There is a huge interest to attend mainly because basketball it will happen, but in the works. Elite the sports program there is no credit through ELITE miscommunication this is also confusing parents. There was conversation on who is in authority to give information about what KCS will offer and this again confusing parents. We do not want parents to make a commitment to attend KCS with programs/activities that do not exist, quite yet. This is misleading parents. We do not want high attendance due to promises and hire teachers and then need to let teachers go because families are dropping their students off of program because these activities do not exist. There need to be concrete agreements in place.

New hires for KCS Elementary: Sara Engan, Yvette Cross. Current teachers leaving: Kindergarten teacher and 4/5th Grade Teacher, 2 moving elsewhere. 3 positions posted first



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round: 2 elementary and 1 secondary. Looking to post 3 more elementary positions and 1 more secondary.

Super busy with good things happening. Yearbook Miss Ethel working on KCS yearbook.

There are daily tours being give by Tyler. There was confusion between Knik Tribe Council Education & Training Dept Director giving school tours. There was discussion on who's in authority to give KCS tours. ONLY TYLER-PRINCIPAL should be giving tours and should only be scheduled through him.

B. School site and building update

C. Mascot & Colors Committee: School will be voting on the following: *Wolves, Chiefs, Northern Lights, Caribou, Bears, Wolverines, Big Foot, adding Guardians. Geraldine made motion to put 7 on ballot. Elena seconds, all in favor, motion passed. We discussed the other mascots and discussed why they would not be a good fit for example when you Google Hooligans what images are shown, discussion took place how this can be a teaching moment for everyone.*

D. Graduation Committee Update: *May 25, 2023 6pm at STEAM Academy, update next meeting*

E. School Handbook Committee Update: *Geraldine and Elena went over suggestions on working document still in process.*

2. Old Business

A. APC Elections

Still in process: Elena, 1 parent, Lulu have shown interest. Carl expressed would like everyone to stay on APC to keep our solid foundation.

3. New Business

A. Review next portion of Charter Application: *APC*

4. Member Comments

Geraldine cops are doing: Start the Conversation on Cyberbullying for only parents.

5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment:

Meeting adjourn: 7:11 PM

May 11, 2023 at 5pm Michael Tucker Learning Campus