



## Academic Policy Committee

January 16, 2025 \* 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 5:04 PM
- Roll Call
  - Elena Gorovaya *Not present*
  - Esther Shade *Present*
  - Sara Engen *Present*
  - Isha Twitchell *Present*
  - Michele Harmeling *Present*
  - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon *Present*
  - Emily Pendergast *Present*
- Approval of current Agenda *Sara makes motion to approve agenda, Esther seconds, motion carried*
- Approval of Minutes for November 14, 2024 *Esther makes motion to approve minutes, Emily seconds, motion carried.*

#### 1. New Business

- A. Curriculum - Foundation team requesting a review and potential amendment to adopt a new curriculum. KCS currently follow district adopted curriculum
  - a. Would set us apart from district
  - b. Focus more on schools education beliefs
  - c. Elementary areas of concern - Magnetic Reading and Iready Math
    - i. Sara - writing is weak in second grade. There is poor organization. Math has abstract concepts, 5-6 different ways of learning. Not enough time to master the skill, lots of time on the computer.
  - d. Secondary area of concern - Common literature and Envision
  - e. Teachers are supplementing with other curriculum
  - f. Can phase out curriculum instead of doing it all at once
  - g. Some Foundation Team members will be at next meeting

#### B. Subsistence Week



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- a. Creates a testing crunch
- b. Not reducing absences
- c. Teachers are having to re-teach kindergarteners through second grade
- d. Is there a way to restructure?
  - i. AFN?
  - ii. Elizabeth Peratrovich Day
  - iii. Indigenous People's Day
  - iv. 3 or 4 day weekends for the month?
- e. Conduct a survey to see what the school community needs

### C. Accountability Timetable

- a. Need to set up to not forget topics
- b. Can work with what we have and adjust as needed

### D. Kindergarten Graduation

- a. Need to plan and arrange
  - i. Where, how long, add anything from last year?
  - ii. Ms. G will help practice songs
  - iii. Do we want certificates?
  - iv. Need to order more caps and gowns - school will buy

## 2. Committee Reports & Updates

### A. Principal report

*Student population: 215*

#### *Staffing:*

- A. *Tutor Advisor Resigned*
- B. *Grant extension for Tribal Liaison and Counselor, Ends 9/2025 - APC to write letter of support*

#### *MSBSD losing correspondence students mostly to Raven Home School*

- *Considering reducing high school graduation requirements*
- *Matsu Central and Correspondence School w/ lower grade options*
- *Allows students who are struggling to graduate to switch in senior year*

#### *School Grounds:*

- A. *Playground no longer installed in January, moved to March or April*
- B. *Camera access - Have access to majority, working on access to all but it is a network issue*
- C. *Visiplex Intercom System is being shipped manufactured*
- D. *Halo Vape Sensors arrived and should be installed soon*

#### *Discipline Incidents*



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- 2022 - 72
- 2023 - 122
- 2024 - 43 for semester 1
  - 8 suspensions this year, 4 suspensions were f 1 incident of vaping on the bus
  - 1 suspension for 19 days for distributing drugs
  - 2 suspensions were for THC, originally 30 days reduced to 10
  - 1 suspension for fighting, was students last day as they were being transferred to new school
- 6 hour online vape class for first offenders is in place

### 3. Old Business

A. No old business

### 4. Persons to be heard & Member Comments

*No Member comments*

### 5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment

*Work Session 2/12/2025 4:00pm in Conference Room*

- *Graduation*
- *School Calendar*
- *Budget*

*Motion to adjourn 5:57 PM. Next meeting February 13, 2025 at 5:00pm.*