

Anchorage School Council Meeting

Tuesday, AUGUST 22, 2016
3:30pm Library Conference Room

Minutes

Call to Order - Principal Andrew Terry called the meeting to order at **3:30pm**

Members Present Service Years (Year of Term)

Andrew Terry- Chair

Alex Flannery- Intermediate Teacher (1 of 1)

*Stephanie Liford- Elementary Teacher (1 of 2)

Yancey Walters- EA Teacher (2 of 1)

Teresa Wooldridge- MS Teacher (1 of 2)

*Kyla Beck- Parent (1 of 2)

Lisa Carpenter- Parent (2 of 1)

Emilie Delehanty- Parent (2 of 1)

Katherine Keune- APTA Pres. /

Meghan Gill - Classified (2 of 1)

Adrienn Carman - Council Scribe

Phillip Kash – Board Liaison

**Not in Attendance*

Approval of May/June Minutes – Motion to Approve Yancey Walters 2nd Teresa Wooldridge

Approval of the August Agenda – Motion to Approve Alex Flannery 2nd Teresa Wooldridge

Discussion Items

1. Start of the school year/ Procedures

Principal Terry declared to be very pleased with the beginning of the new school year and presented the Student Count Summary for the 2016-17 Year at Anchorage School (*see attachment*) – this list is expected to drop in number because of one family leaving Anchorage. Due to the parent feedback, APTA president Kate Keune, will have to have a conversation in the future with the Principal and discuss about changing the payment method for school fees at the beginning of next school year – electronic payment method would be the best.

Mrs. Wooldridge expressed her gratitude toward the APTA for purchasing the stand up desks. They had a big impression on students and enjoy it a lot. Due to their constant movement in the classrooms, students ask to go to the restroom and to use the water fountains less often than before. Mrs. Flannery approved, saying that they are still working on the fidget bars but the kids really enjoy it, the desks are sturdy and had no issues with them so far.

2. New car rider/walker tags

The “transportation tags” procedure implemented this year is still in its early stages and really simple. The school only got positive feedback from the parents – using these tags gives a higher level of confidence to the parents. The Principal would like to grow this project in the future.

3. Rigor and Engagement (Friday meetings)

Principal Terry will be talking about rigor and engagement in the Friday staff meetings – wants to make sure all teachers understand the concepts and are working toward the same goal and have the same focus point.

4. One to One initiative initially for M.S.

The former Principal, Mr. Waford, was very excited about this initiative – Mr. Terry tried to figure out the expectations from Mrs. Randsell, Mr. Collard and the teachers.

Principal Terry - Teachers will be taken to Highlands High School (Fort Thomas, KY) in September & October to experience the google classrooms and the technology their peers use and then they will be asked to share their opinions and adapt the new methods strictly to the Anchorage students.

Ms. Flannery and Ms. Gill – would like to find a way to purchase more iPads and/or Chromebooks, especially for LEAPS classrooms (students have a lot of digital assessments and technology saves a lot of time for teachers). The only setback, according to Ms. Wooldridge, is the fact that the listening and speaking skills of students are falling down if they are focused on technology.

Mr. Terry would like to see a variety of technology skills being taught and used in all classes not just in the computer lab. Lee Collard will work on shifting a universal technology knowledge regardless of the type of computer students are using.

5. Review of program updates for future meetings

Kate Keune – would like to have teachers and afterschool/athletic coordinators coming in and talking about their curriculum and programs in the next meetings. Mr. Terry agreed.

Lisa Carpenter expressed her concern about the background checks for the parent volunteers helping with community events. She was assured by the Principal that the community sponsors are in charge of the student groups and they are prohibited of leaving the students alone with the volunteers. A better communication with the sponsor and stricter rules were suggested in order to improve the students' safety. If all efforts fail, the alternative would be not letting the community to use the school building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07pm - Yancey Walters 2nd Lisa Carpenter

“As Iron Sharpens Iron...”
Andrew Terry

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienn R. Carman

