

Anchorage School Council Agenda

Monday, October 11, 2021

3:30 p.m., In-person (Rm. 202/203)

Call to Order

Members Present Service Years (year of term)

Andrew Terry, Chairperson
Jean Kabazie – Classified (1 of 1)
Andrea Donan – APTA Pres. (1 of 1)
Adrienn Carman – Council Scribe
Jeff Dunn – EA Teacher (2 of 1)
Stephanie Liford – Primary Elementary Teacher (1 of 1)
Jennifer Archibald – Parent (1 of 1)
Bridget Just – Intermediate Elementary Teacher (2 of 2)
Amanda Matter – Parent (2 of 2)
Stephanie Robertson – Parent (1 of 2)
Carey Wilson – Middle School Teacher (2 of 1)
Katie Alexander – Parent (1 of 1)

Rosanna Gabriele-Burke – Board Liaison

Visitors: Kelly Haile (Curriculum & Instruction)

Approval of September Minutes – _____

Approval of the October Agenda – _____

Discussion Items

1. Principal's Report
 - a. 8th-grade Trip Update
 - b. National Blue Ribbon Recognition in D.C.
 - c. Winter Sports Update
 - d. Standing Committee Update
 - e. Other - Parent-Teacher Conferences

2. General Information

- a. Curriculum and Instruction presentation(C&I)
 - i. Statewide test scores(C&I)
 - ii. Data Dashboard Review (C&I)- MTSS/STAT use
 - iii. Update on School Year Calendar Information

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

3:30 pm, Room 202

Call to Order Andrew Terry called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

Members Present - Service Years (year of term)

Andrew Terry, Chairperson
Jean Kabazie – Classified (1 of 1)
Andrea Donan – APTA Pres. (1 of 1)
Adrienn Carman – Council Scribe *
Jeff Dunn – EA Teacher (2 of 1)
Stephanie Liford – Primary Elementary Teacher (1 of 1)
Jennifer Archibald – Parent (1 of 1)
Bridget Just – Intermediate Elementary Teacher (2 of 2)
Amanda Matter – Parent (2 of 2) *
Stephanie Robertson – Parent (1 of 2)
Carey Wilson – Middles School Teacher (2 of 1)
Katie Alexander – Parent (1 of 1)

Rosanna Gabriele-Burke – Board Liaison

**Not present*

Visitors: Kristy Crouch

Approval of August Minutes – 1st Stephanie Liford, 2nd Carey Wilson

Approval of the September Agenda – 1st Stephanie Robertson, 2nd Carey Wilson

Discussion Items

1. Principal's Report

- Elementary Open House Feedback
 - Overall positive feedback from staff and parents.
 - Ask staff in grades 3 – 5 to switch during sessions so that parents can meet each staff member in their child's rotation.
 - Add more time in between sessions for movement.
 - Create a schedule that allows for no overlap of sessions.
 - Some classes were not well attended.
 - Parents seem more relaxed without their children.
 - Ask staff members to create/follow a structured presentation and send it out afterward to the entire class/grade.
- Instructional Assistant Interviews
 - This is a full-time, classified position that needs to be filled ASAP. Mr. Terry and Kristy Clark will be part of the interview process.
 - Jennifer Archibald and Jeff Dunn said they would be willing to help if needed during interviews.
- c. Fall/Winter Sports Update/Info
 - Fall sports are in full gear, including soccer, field hockey, and cross country.
 - Brent Bach, Kelley Ransdell, and Andrew Terry are working on basketball for the winter. They expect registration to be within the next few weeks.
 - They are awaiting KHSAA to update their guidelines due to Covid. They are assuming there will be some regulations.
- d. School-Wide Celebration Update/Info
 - As a part of the PBIS committee, APS has created "Anchor Down" which is a school-wide program to acknowledge and celebrate positive behavior/feedback throughout the school.
 - Students and classes are given rewards for positive behaviors. The staff then tells Kelly Haile who keeps track of their progress. Each Monday, Mr. Terry tells the school where they are in relation to their goal. Once the entire school reaches a determined milestone, there is a school-wide celebration.
 - The hope is the school celebration will be around September 22nd.
 - All grades will participate in various rotations (popsicles, balloon stomp, DJ, etc.)
 - They will also send out a survey to the students to see what types of rewards they would like to receive in the future.
 - It was suggested that a picture of the bulletin board with the anchor be included in the next school news to let parents know about this goal.
- e. Other – Smart Watch
 - The APS handbook states that electronic devices are not allowed.

- Council Members were against allowing these devices during school hours for multiple reasons including privacy concerns (for students and staff members). These devices can also be a distraction in class.
- They are ok if there is a medical reason for wearing one.
- It was agreed upon that they will NOT be allowed in classrooms. If a student wears one, they will be asked to put it in their locker or backpack. If it becomes a habit, there will be a consequence.
- A reminder of this policy will be included in the school news. It will also be announced to the Middle School students in their homerooms on Friday. Mr. Terry will include it in his announcements on Monday as well.

2. School Environment Committee Presentation (SE)

- This committee has not had a chance to meet. They will schedule a meeting soon and will prepare a presentation for the November School Council meeting.
- If needed, they will solicit for more parent volunteers for the standing committees to ensure a proper ratio of staff and parent members.

1. MAP Administration/Testing (SO)

- Mr. Terry reviewed the Math and Reading MAP scores with the School Council, including the results from the Fall 2021 testing period (at the beginning of school).
- In response to the MAP scores, each class must turn in plans for each student regarding additional needs or enrichment.
- Some parents are not receiving MAP scores or the correct MAP datasheets. It was suggested to send all MAP scores home on the same day, school-wide. On the same day, send a stand-alone email to parents letting them know they are coming home, and they should look for them.

1. Upcoming Council Elections and Vacancies

- School Council elections will be in November. Candidates should submit their requests to be on council to Mr. Terry by October 31st.
- Positions open include the following:
 - Jeff Dunn, EA Teacher - (can return for another term)
 - Bridget Just, Intermediate Elementary Teacher - (cannot return since she has served two consecutive terms – thank you)
 - Amanda Matter, Parent - (currently replaced Sarah Mahoney & can return for an additional two terms)
 - Carey Wilson, Middle School Teacher - (can return for another term)

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm. 1st – Bridget Just, 2nd Jeff Dunn

These minutes represent a fair and accurate record of the meeting held by the Anchorage School Council.