

1. Opening Activities

- a. Call to order 6:06
- b. Roll call: Christine Faber, Martina Uhlig, Krista Etwiler, Erica Marley, Beth Bowe, Eric Waltenbaugh, Lisa Whip
- c. Approval of agenda: all minutes approved, no additional items
- d. Approval of minutes: members approved minutes

2. Principal report

- a. Budget Meeting: Mr. Waltenbaugh discussed the recent budget meeting. A document addressing the recent budget meeting was presented to the group. It was reported the district has been operating on a deficit budget for 5 years and the fund balance is almost gone. The borough assembly is not funding to the cap. They could fund up to three million more for the Kenai Peninsula Borough. Eric reported that the current BSA is scheduled to be cut by 1-5%.
 - i. Mrs. Marley shared that it is important for parents and our community to communicate to the assembly members and state legislatures to fully fund the BSA. Mrs. Etwiler asked what we could do to encourage parent contact. Mrs. Marley shared that the most successful way to include the parents and community would be to form a letter that can easily be copied and pasted. It is possible that if enough people responded, we could be able to make a difference. It is simple to do and can hit a broad audience. Such a letter would address the budget allocation concerns and dwindling reserves. It was requested that Mr. Waltenbaugh consider mentioning the site council's concerns in an upcoming newsletter. Mr. Waltenbaugh will check to see how he can address the Site Council's concerns in a newsletter and if district email can be used to help share these concerns. It was also suggested that PTO may be able to help share the group's concerns.
 - ii. Mr. Waltenbaugh reported that the district does a nice job keeping budget cuts out of the classroom as much as possible. Any more cuts will lead to a decrease in student teacher ratios and program cuts. A 1% cut in BSA will require adjustments. A 5% cut will create a model of education like we have never seen before.
 - iii. Mrs. Whip reported that at a 5% BSA cut, we would likely be providing education via computers. She also reported that the teachers do a nice job making quality education look easy. She also shared how much she appreciates the strong parent support in our school.
- b. District Mission Statement: Mr. Waltenbaugh presented the district's new mission statement. He shared that he supported the growth mindset vocabulary in the vision and also supported the goal that students are ready for life and career.
 - i. Comments on the mission statement included:

1. Mrs. Etwiler questioned the reference to the portfolio. She is curious about what age level a portfolio would be used for and what would be in it.
 2. Mr. Waltenbaugh addressed the personalized instruction and that blended learning will move into the world of personalization of instruction. He commented that we are moving into instructional models that are more fluid.
 3. Mrs. Whip reports that the phrase “individualized instruction” is being used in Fairbanks but KPBSD is using the word “personalized instruction” which will likely result in groups of students working together. Lisa discussed how differentiation is part of the growth mindset. She shared the importance of differentiation which allows teachers to reach challenged students and students who need to be challenged.
 4. Mr. Waltenbaugh shared that teachers are personalizing and differentiating instruction.
 5. Mrs. Whip and Mrs. Faber supported the importance of healthy lifestyles and healthy choices that were reflected in the mission statement.
 6. Mrs. Whip also extended support for the word “dreams” in the mission statement.
- c. Start times: Mr. Waltenbaugh reported that start times would be at 8am and our end time will be at 2:35. West Homer teachers have formed a schedule committee to look at how to make this new schedule work for lunches and specials.
- i. The group discussed the importance of after school care for students.
 - ii. Ms Bowe asked if we had any feedback on the Boys and Girls Club survey.

3. New Business

- a. Entry Way: Mr. Waltenbaugh presented the idea for a new entry way mural. Lost Things Designs, a local business, is developing the graphic design for a mural. The designers are very interested in involving children in the formation of the mural.
 - i. Some ideas from the designers included illustrations involving scenes from the bay, a silhouette of a child reading a book, and some type of plant illustrating growth. The council members shared ideas of the mural. These ideas included:
 - ii. Making sure everyone is involved
 - iii. Designing an illustration that is representative of our mission statement and/or including the mission statement in text somewhere in the mural.
 - iv. Forming something timeless
 - v. Developing something kid oriented and welcoming
- b. Sidewalk extension:
 - i. Mr. Waltenbaugh shared that West Homer Elementary will now have a sidewalk paved from the trail to the stop sign.
- c. Double Lane Drop off and Pick Up: Mrs. Marley shared a concern about the double lane drop off and pick up. She also shared that it is even more dangerous when it is

icy. She questioned if it would be possible to safely drop student off and pick them up with a single lane. She questioned the possibility of a traffic guard. She shared that the parking lot design is inadequate and needs to be addressed.

4. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:02

5. Next Meeting: 4/17/17