

Date: September 6th, 2012

What: Staff Meeting

Where: Building 3

Present: K-SELO Staff & Parents –Akaty Konev, Feodora Reutov, Tatiana Konev, Elisaveta Murachev, Efrasia Kalugin, Ivan Konev, Polly Reutov

- I. Principal Rothenberger talked about K-Selo AYP. Parents were informed K-Selo met AYP and has a 100% graduation rate for the last 4 years. Percentages for reading and writing is 87% and 89% for math. Looking at graph reflect last four years a parent asked why there was a dip in 2011-12 in language arts. Principal informed parents that there are many factors to be considered such as student turn-over and graduation. Science scores were noted to have been increasing over the years. Another question was about sports and has having football encouraged students to keep their grades up. Principal said it definitely helps build student confidence and maintain a good rapport with students is always good.
- II. Policies: Technology/Attendance/Drugs & Alcohol
 1. Principal Rothenberger reminded everyone of all policies.

Attendance: one change from last year is that wedding absences will be considered “unexcused” absences. Last year a lot of high school students missed more than 40 days of school. This needs to change. The policy states that students can’t be gone more than 15 days a semester or 30 days out of a year or else they will need to re-take class to receive credit. Absences such as fishing or doctor’s appointments are excused. Parents are encouraged to call when they know student will be absent. Notices will be sent after 5th day of absence. After 10th day a conference with parents will be requested.
 2. Tech policy: Principal talked about “limiting distractions”. Policy states that if a teacher sees a device, it will be taken, given to principal and he will notify parents to arrange a pick-up of the device. If student keeps bringing the device in then the consequence will be detention and/or chore (custodial, construction, painting, etc.)
 3. Weapons policy: If students bring a knife more than 2 ½ inches, it will be taken, given to principal and he will notify parents to arrange a pick-up of the device. If student keeps bringing the device in then the consequence will be detention and/or chore (custodial, construction, painting, etc.) Parents were reminded that district policy is an automatic 45 day suspension, no less than a year expulsion and troopers will be notified.
 4. Drug & Alcohol Policy
Principal reminded all that K-Selo is a drug/alcohol free zone: no possessing, no taking orders, no distributing, no selling. Principal explained sick policy. If

student is appears to be sick, have a fever, they will be sent to nurse, parents will be notified and student can be sent home. On the other hand if student is suspected to be hungover or intoxicated, student will be sent to office, parents and troopers WILL be notified. Student will be required to take breathalyzer test. If he/she refuses then it is considered an automatic positive and student is suspended for 45 days.

- III. Swift Creek School Update: principal talked about the possible new building for Head of the Bay schools. It would house more teachers, a dedicated Russian program, art teacher, PE teacher, athletic director, gym, weight room, multipurpose room, Old Believer lunch program/kitchen. Principal referred to the map and discussed possible road options and where possible school might be built. Principal informed parents that an answer school be given on this matter by October 1st. Principal also reminded parents of next school board meeting on Sept 10th at 7 pm.
- IV. Head of the Bay Graduation at McNeil? Parents agreed on asking graduates first but came to a consensus that having a graduation at home is important. This will be discussed further.
- V. Title 1/Migrant Discussion
Anna White introduced herself as new Title 1/Migrant teacher this year. She informed parents that she will be working with students in both primary and secondary grades. She reminded parents of Title 1 backpacks and if they see their child/ren bringing one home, parents are encouraged to interact with their child/ren. Included in the backpack is a slip which is to be signed by parent and returned back to Anna. Parents should also encourage their children to bring the backpacks back to school and swap it for another. Anna also brought up the idea of hosting a community event at school. Possible ideas were doing a Barnes and Noble book swap with popsicles and juice, have a community member bake snacks and have a family read night. Elisaveta Murachev said she did this last year so she might be interested in cooking/baking again but says she is busy until October.