

## Voznesenka/Kachemak Selo Schools

### Site Council Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2019

- ❖ **Community and Staff Present-** Frosia Polushkin, Andy Rothenberger, Anna Kuzmin, Lydiya Gostevskiyh, Zinovia Reutov, Alana Greear, Tatiana Konev, Rosie Reutov, Claudia Reutov, Elisaveta Murachev, Effimia Reutov, Jen Sorenson, and Michael Wojciak
- ❖ **Welcome- sign-in**
- ❖ **Juneau Migrant trip** – Jen Sorenson talked about a Close Up trip to Juneau that is open to Migrant students in high school. The trip will take place between January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who participate will learn about the legislative process and tour the college campus. All expenses are covered, including transportation, lodging at a hostel, and food. Jen is one of the chaperones participating in the trip. Interested students need to sign up no later than Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ **Title-** Effimia Reutov addressed parents regarding what the Title program offers our school and students. She invited parents to converse with her individually either in the meeting room or privately to share any feedback they would like to provide.
- ❖ **2020-21 Head of the Bay calendar** – The school calendar for next year was displayed on the Smart Board. The first and last day of school, along with the number of Saturday Schools were specifically addressed. Since many of the Holy Days landed on non-school days there are only two Saturday School days and we finish prior to Memorial Day weekend. Attendees had no questions or suggestions. All seemed pleased with the calendar.
- ❖ **Adult Education-** Attendees were briefed on the education opportunities available to all adults in the community. Classes are held at Voznesenka School every Tuesday beginning at 3:30. Available learning opportunities include citizenship, earning a GED, and increased English literacy skills. All classes are free of charge.
- ❖ **K-5 Zoo trip-** Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will have the opportunity to participate in an overnight field trip to the zoo on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The trip includes 13 chaperones for the zoo required 1 to 5 student/teacher ratio. Arrangements have been made for an overnight at Lumen Christi School and for a two-hour stop at Jumping Junction on the way home.
- ❖ **Fundraising-** To help cover part of the expenses of the zoo trip a booth at the girl's high school basketball tournament at Homer High School, running from February 6<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, is available at no charge. At one of the in-service days after Christmas break elementary staff from both schools will consider fundraising possibilities for the booth. If food will be sold a permit must be submitted within the week following the meeting so it can be approved prior to the event.
- ❖ **Graduation/promotion-** The graduation/promotion location for Kachemak Selo was discussed. Parents can decide if the ceremony will take place at the barn, in the school, or in collaboration with Voznesenka School. It was shared that class colors are no longer an option at Voznesenka, which make a combined graduation more of a possibility. Further discussion and a decision will be made at a later date.
- ❖ **K-Selo School update-** Kevin Lyon, the director of planning and operations, presented on the progress with the new school for Kachemak Selo. He shared that they are working on having a bond for the school brought back to the voters as part of a larger bond referendum that includes many other school projects around the peninsula. He told participants that we are 90% finished with the journey of getting a new school, and to keep focused and positive. Additionally, discussions focused on a strong minority of community members who are extremely opposed to the building of a new facility. From what was shared, the biggest reasons for discontent encompassed the drinking water and ending of the monthly check that the community currently receives for the rental of the buildings. Kevin explained that he could make happen what the community wants for the drinking water and that the money paid to the community for the land, the money that will be earned by many of the community members during construction, and the long-term jobs created by the new school will financially outweigh the current income.
- ❖ **School Board presentation-** A condensed version of the school presentation for Voznesenka and Kachemak Selo that was shown at the Homer School Board meeting this fall was shared. Highlights of the last two years at both schools was the focus. It was apparent that many things are happening in our two small schools.
- ❖ **Next Meeting** – February 27, at Voznesenka School