



Anchorage Public School Council Minutes - November 6, 2024
Room 218, 3:30 p.m.

Opening Business

Meeting called to order at: 3:30 p.m. by Jeff Rogers
Council members present:

- **Chairperson:** Jeff Rogers
- **Certified:** Kristy Crouch, MS (1 of 1) | Jeff Dunn, EA (2 of 2) | Brian Jones, Int (1 of 2)* | Stephanie Liford, (2 of 2)
- **Parents:** Jennifer Archibald (2 of 2) | Amanda Matter (1 of 2) | Whitney Cook (2 of 1) | Amanda Pagano (2 of 1)
- **Classified:** Kegan Flum (1 of 1)
- **Liaisons:** Andrew O'Brien – Board of Education | Kate Weber– APTA
- **Scribe:** Megan Brady

**Not present -*

Others present, if known: Sharla Six

- Approval of the Agenda
Motion: Whitney Cook **Second:** Stephanie Liford
- Approval of previous meeting's Minutes - October 9, 2024 Minutes
Motion: Stephanie Liford **Second:** Jennifer Archibald
- Good News Report:
 - Halloween Carnival Success
 - 5th Grade Biztown Trip
 - Working meeting with the school board and school council
 - Ponchos and umbrella provided by the district for carpool
 - Third grade president projects
- Public Comment NA

KSA Presentation

- Over 170 districts in the state, Anchorage is #1
 - Elementary School #11
 - Middle School #1
 - #1 Highest in the state for 4th & 5th grade math, 6th grade reading, 7th grade reading & science, and 8th grade reading & social students.
- Staff celebrated #1 ranking with a 'Dance In' and off-site gathering afterwards. Plans are being made to celebrate with the students.
- APS growth ranking will be a challenge because of our already high percentile.
- We are ranked as a 'Blue School' in all areas except 'Quality of School Climate' which is green.
- Consistent and intentional conversations will continue to help improve scores.

School Calendar

- Calendar survey was sent out to staff. Preliminary results (19 responses) were shared.
- Possible start dates for the 2025-2026 school year: Aug. 13th, 20th, or 25th. Different start times would impact professional development time, early release days, and extracurricular activities.
- Next Steps:
 - Board will approve members of the calendar committee on 11-18 and look at some samples (1st reading).
 - The calendar committee will see the samples on 11-20, discuss, decide if they need to meet again, seek feedback.
 - Employees will vote to provide feedback.
 - All data will be reported to the board at the Dec. meeting and a calendar will be recommended and approved (2nd reading).
- **Ongoing question: Will the calendar committee still fall under the school council?** Response provided by Ms. Six: See District School Calendar Policy 08.3. The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, shall annually appoint a District Calendar Committee to review, develop, and recommend school calendar options. Membership of the committee is set in statute. Anyone interested in serving in the future should share their desire to serve with leadership. Input will be sought school-wide (surveys and voting) as well as specific insight from the school council.

Discussions

School Council Elections:

- Clarity was needed on the timeline for the election process and which seats are ready to be filled. One parent and two teachers are rolling off.
- The school must post openings and a deadline for submitting biographies. Then biographies will be shared with the public before election day. Once the election is closed, the APTA president counts the votes.
- Mr. Rogers will work on building a timeline, setting deadlines, and setting an election day to happen before winter break.

School Council Standing Committees:

- 3 standing committees in our by-laws
- Committees were started again from scratch last year
- There is an expectation that there is a teacher and parent rep. on each committee.
- Mr. Rogers would like time to look at the committee structures and streamline them. He is going to take a look at what is in place and finalize committee roles. He will send his feedback to the school council.

Big Rocks

- **Kindness** - Admin and staff are being intentional about getting ahead of behavior issues and will continue to promote kindness in our community.

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Adjournment

Motion: Whitney Cook **Second:** Stephanie Liford

Meeting adjourned: 4:55pm