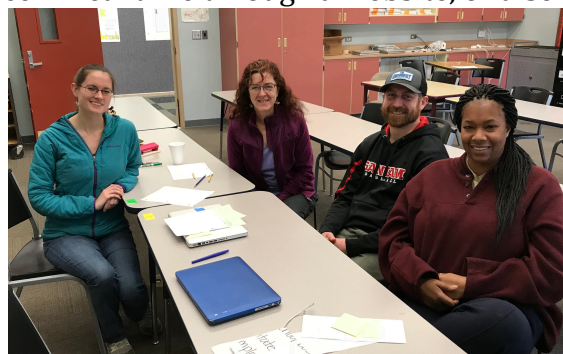


To: Kuspuk School District School Board
From: Emily Vanderpool, Curriculum and Instruction
Re: Board Meeting Report
Meeting Date: November 2017

October 19-21 District-wide In-service

Luckily the weather in October cooperated and all of our teachers and paraprofessionals were able to make it to Aniak for a 3 day in-service. Some highlights of the three days included a session on Adverse Childhood Experiences from Dr. Matthew Hirschfield, Best Practices in Mathematics Teaching by State Coach Pat McDonald, and 2 sessions from Renaissance Learning on how to understand and use data in instructional planning. We were also lucky to have teachers from AMNES and JOGES willing to present on topics relevant to their colleagues. Public Health Nurse, Kimberly Madden, attended all three days and presented on topics such as cyber bullying, and drug awareness. Kimberly also arranged for us to do two community film screenings on the evenings of in-service, featuring documentaries that dealt with ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences). It was nice to see both community members and board members there for the film screenings. We were also joined by Biologist, Doug Molyneaux, who did a presentation on the “Math Science Expedition Challenge” which he has been putting on the last couple of years. Through the challenge students are able to use data that is collected during the Math Science Raft Trip to create well thought-out science fair projects. During in-service teachers were introduced to the Power School Parent Portal. The parent portal allows parents to view their child’s grades and attendance in real time through a website, or also on an app made for smart phones. The parent portal is being rolled out during second quarter for the first time. Teachers met for an optional “Battle of the Books “ session after in-service on Friday to learn about the rules, and get battle tips for their teams. This year we have teams from all sites participating—both students and teachers are excited for the upcoming academic competition! All in all, it was a productive three days!



Aniak Teachers met with Pat McDonald Saturday afternoon to discuss setting up PLC's during their Wednesday early release time.

Testing

The leadership team has decided to do online testing for our state assessment in ELA & Math for grades 3-9 this spring. This means teachers will need to allow time for students to practice the Online Testing Tools. The Online Tools Training (OTT) for the PEAKS computer-based assessment is designed to provide students a hands-on opportunity to experience the test environment. Students can navigate through a “test”, practice using test-taking tools, and try out different technology-enhanced items. **OTT is accessible to students, educators, parents, and community.** Parents are encouraged to use the OTT and see what kinds of questions their student will be answering. Test questions are not scored and answers are not saved. To view the OTT please visit: ak.drcedirect.com (Note you will have to use the Google Chrome browser to access the online tools.

After-School Tutoring

Over the next couple of months schools will be starting after school tutoring. While some schools have already begun, others are planning to start soon. Due to the differences in staffing and numbers of students, each school will determine staffing, days and hours for tutoring. Busing is provided for students where available. Tutoring snacks have been sent to all sites.

Math Curriculum Adoption Committee

The Math Curriculum Adoption Committee (MCAC) had its first face-to-face meeting prior to in-service on October 17-18. Committee members met in Aniak in the upstairs conference room Tuesday evening, and all day Wednesday. There was some excellent discussion, and the team is very hard working and committed to selecting the best possible math materials for our 7-12 students. The members are: Chris Reich, Severin Gardner, Todd Boynton, Cooper Morgan, Richard Spencer, Angela Hayden, Steve Porter, Erich Kuball, and Emily Vanderpool. Here is a list of things we accomplished during our October meeting:

- All committee members became more familiar with the Common Core State Standards in Mathematics K-12
- Focused on/Discussed Best Practices for Teaching Mathematics
- Conducted an informal needs assessment with committee members to help determine a list of things that we are looking for/in need of
- Analyzed District-wide Test Data & State Test Data for grades 7-12
- Developed a survey for District Teachers to gather more data about our needs district-wide.
- Created a list of programs to focus our research on.
- Each member began researching a program of interest.
- Set a date for our next meeting. (November 15th on VTC)



AMNES Teachers presented their strategies for both classroom and school-wide behavior management during October In-service.