Soldotna Elementary Site Council

10/30/2018

In Attendance: Austin Stevenson, Andrew Shook, Penny Vadla, Emily Nicholson, Lisa Juliussen, Shannon Martin, Dana Cannava

**Site Council Minutes**

**5:00-**Secure entry front doors SoEl and SMCS

Council discussed the new key entry system. There is a lot of concern about the implementation of the new system and what that will look like for Soldotna Elementary and SMCS. The arrival and dismissal procedures will be revised. There is the possibility that the doors will need to remain unlocked for drop off and pick up, but the site council recommends they remain locked if possible. It was also recommended to have separate entrances for each school. The following questions were raised: Will there be training for our secretaries? Will cameras be set up for visitors to show proper ID? Will District office communicate to the community? Has district office set any protocols?

**5:10-**PTO update/chili fund raiser/playground equipment

Shannon Martin, PTO President, updated the council on PTO. PTO participation seems to be up. Chili Cook Off was successful. Shannon has been working with Mr. Stevenson on securing a grant for an artist in residence through the Alaska Art Council and Bunnel Street Art. Logistics are still being worked out. PTO has a goal to raise money for playground equipment. They are revising that goal to be more attainable, as well as looking into grant possibilities. Staff have requested additional swing bays. Council would like to ask David May if swing bays could be locally sourced.

**5:20-**Signs for the parking lot/city council discussion on parking lot laws

A parent donated two “no cell phone zone” parking lot signs. They will be placed at the entrance and on the building.

**5:30-**Number of students under projection

This year’s student projection was down by 12 students. Soldotna Elementary could possibly lose 0.5 certified teacher for the 19-20 school year.

**5:45**-K-6 Christmas program and Gymnastics

This school year’s Christmas program will be K-6 and is scheduled for December 4th. This year’s Gymnastics Extravaganza will be on November 27th at 2 PM

**6:00**-Superintendent’s message-

Questions and comments need to be submitted to Natalie Bates by Thursday, November 1st before 5PM.

Where is the cannabis tax going? Community perception is that it is going to education.

Would it be possible to grow our home schooling program and target kids from other areas similar to IDEA and Raven?

Would funding charter schools the same as traditional schools close some of the funding gap? Would the district consider charging charter schools more for building use?

The district should not allow out of district students to participate in district programming. For example, IDEA students participating is sports programs.

The district should add more vocational opportunities for high school students.

Could the district save money on bussing if they implemented hub servicing and enforced the walking radius?

Would contracting out custodians and pool staff save money?

Change pool personnel; promote opportunities for student employment through life guarding and better marketing? Community needs more access to pool.

Increase community fees for pool and theaters. Is there possible revenue through for profit business using the facilities: aqua therapy?

Consider a 4-day school week. Start the the high school level and move toward including elementary schools. Would there be savings in transportation and student nutrition? Sporting and other extracurricular events could take place on Fridays and not affect the school day.

Could the district conduct an early retirement incentive study in an effort to save money?