

WILLIAM "SONNY" NELSON SCHOOL

CSC MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, September 10, 2009. **TIME:** 4 p.m.

PLACE: William "Sonny" Nelson School - Math Room

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL: Luki Akelkok, Carol Nicoli, Julia Brandon
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS
5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: March 25
6. LEAD TEACHER REPORT
 - a. Attendance Policy
7. STAFF REPORT
 - a. Mogen, Melissa
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. School Start Time
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS/INFORMATION
 - a. Student Fundraisers
 - b. Open house
 - c. School hallway
 - d. Open Gym
10. PUBLIC COMMENT
11. CSC COMMENT
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)
13. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING
14. ADJOURNMENT

WILLIAM "SONNY" NELSON SCHOOL
CSC MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.
4:30 P.M.

Call To Order: Luki Akelkok called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

Roll Call: The following CSC members were present:

Luki Akelkok

Carol Nicoli

Add bingo to discussion items

Approval of Agenda: Carol Nicoli made a motion to approve the agenda, followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok. Motion carried, agenda adopted.

Identification of Guests:

Audra Finkenbinder: Lead teacher

Melissa Mogen: K-4th grade Teacher

Mary Walcott: School Secretary

Pauline Akelkok: School Cook

Rick King: Parent

Alice Karasti: Teacher's aide

Approval of Previous Minutes: Luki Akelkok made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25th, followed by a 2nd by Carol Nicoli. Calendar – Carol also said that school should start a week later and it wasn't on the last minutes.

Lead Teacher Report: Gave report, see attached paper.

- a. **Attendance Policy:** Sent out a letter on the first day of school about the attendance policy. Parents need to call the school the day their child(ren) are absent. If parents do not contact school the same day their child(ren) are absent, then student(s) absence is

unexcused. If student has 12 unexcused absences, they will receive a failing grade for that semester and will not receive credit for class.

Waiver – Audra will ask for waiver for Pauline since she is working toward a GED and performs the duties of the job well. Audra recommended a waiver for Pauline, Carol agreed. Request another waiver from the School Board and it should be good for the school year.

Staff Report:

a. Melissa Mogen: gave report, see attached paper.

Question: How is it working with only 2 students?

Melissa's been helping Audra with math and reading. From 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. it would be math time for the older kids. From 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Melissa would be with her two students and after lunch she'd have math with them.

Luki likes the idea about starting a preschool for the 3 to 4 year olds. Get them educated while they're young so they can know what they have to do when they start Kindergarten. Do this preschool for more than one day. Recommended from CSC and community parents to start a preschool for the little kids for like 1 to 2 hours, start out with one hour. CSC members agree with it. Melissa spoke with the parents already and they think it's a good idea, just waiting to hear from the Superintendent at the District office.

Action Items:

a. School Start Time: School is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rick ask if they could change the time again, fits better if school is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Change it to that time because some people need their older kids to watch their younger ones who are not in school yet. Audra and Melissa will discuss it. Talk to the staff and teachers about it.

Discussion Items/Information:

a. Student Fundraisers: Do bingos, student store, carnivals, and dances. Audra will probably make the order for the student store either tomorrow or over the weekend. Gaming permit for bingo is good through December. Audra and Melissa are working on the permit. Village council has gaming permit, can use theirs if there's a problem about renewing the school's permit. Parents will have to come and help out. 8th graders will be going on a trip, start planning

on fundraisers, will need more parents helping out this year. Last year we made a list of parent's names and kept track of how many times they were helping out.

b. Open House: Want to have open house on the evening of September 24th. Parents can come in and check it out; we'll hand out RIF books. It'll be good to try and have a dessert/potluck if it's early in the afternoon.

c. School Hallway: Audra wants to paint the school hallway in school colors (red and black). Can paint the hallway if she wants to. Don't know if paint will stick to the wall though since it's glossy. Audra already asked District office if she can do that, and they said they only have white paint; don't have any of the other colors. Can use fundraiser money to get the paint.

d. Open Gym: Carol wants to use the gym for the REC center since it looks like some of the kids are getting tired of being in the REC center. Open REC building for couple of hours for the younger children then close it and open up the gym for the older kids. If the younger ones want to play in the gym also, can open it for them too but don't have the older and younger kids in the gym together, younger ones might get hurt.

Public Comment: Rick asked Audra if they would be able to do a concession stand when they have big bingos at the school. Audra said it sounds like a good idea to run it, and it's also a lot of work running it. Rick also said if they want to do a concession stand, now's the time to move on making one. Discuss it with the 8th graders parents first. Since all the students would go on trips make sure you get the parents to help out, especially the 8th graders parents since there are more 8th graders this year and the trip will be expensive.

Rick asked what are they going to do about swine flu, will they send them home. Audra said they have put up a few warning signs and the older kids have been doing good well with washing their hands; younger ones have germ-x in their class. Audra will also put germ-x in her classroom.

Rick wants to see a big push on reading and writing this year. Also said on Fridays it doesn't sound like a good idea to let the students watch movies, they do that a lot after school when they're home. Audra said on Friday afternoons, it's "Fun Friday" for the students when they can either watch a movie or do an art project or another activity.

CSC Comment: Luki – welcome to Ekwok, Audra.

Executive Session (if needed): none

Set Date of Next Meeting: Every 2nd Wednesday, so maybe on October 14th.

Adjournment: Carol made a motion to adjourn meeting at 4:45 p.m., followed by a 2nd by Luki. Meeting adjourned.

**Ms. Moede's K-4th gr. Report for
CSC Meeting on September 10, 2009**

Mrs. Finkenbinder and I have worked out a good routine for teaching reading and math in the mornings. I am helping to teach some of the 5-8th graders since I only have two students this year in my class. It has been running smoothly. We are using AR more this year to monitor student's reading progress. It's good because the students enjoy taking the tests on the computer.

In the afternoons I am teaching writing, spelling and science. Next quarter I will teach social studies. In science we are learning about the plants and animals that live in water and we will be studying the salmon life cycle and the water cycle and also learning about what a watershed is.

I am trying to start a mini-preschool program here at the school since we have so many youngsters in the village between the ages of 3 and 4. I would like to do the program maybe once or twice a week for one or two hours. I am waiting to hear back from the district office to get the ok.

September 2009
Audra Finkenbinder - Lead Teacher Report

The staff and students at William "Sonny" Nelson School hit the ground running on August 17th and have not stopped! The first month of school has flown by at an unbelievable pace.

Also flying are the Accelerated Reader books - right off the library shelves. The students are actively participating in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program by reading a minimum of 30 minutes a day. Upon completion of an AR book, the students take a test and then choose another book to read. I have been very impressed at the rate the students have been reading and testing and encourage them to continue.

We have had some beautiful weather (minus a few days of rain) that prompted us to take the students out berry picking one afternoon. The blueberries were wonderful and even though some students ate all they picked while in the field, we managed to save enough to make some great tasting Eskimo ice cream.

The month of September not only brings the first day of fall, it is also marks the first round of AIMSweb testing. Being a "great bunch" of students, I know they will put forth their best effort.