

**WILLIAM "SONNY" NELSON SCHOOL  
CSC MEETING AGENDA  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008  
4:30 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Identification of Guests**
- 5. Approval of Previous Minutes**
- 6. Lead Teacher / Principal Report**
- 7. Staff Report**
  - a. Baird, Ervine**
  - b. Moede, Melissa**
- 8. Action Items**
  - a. 8th Grade Trip**
- 9. Discussion Items / Information**
- 10. Public Comment**
- 11. CSC Comment**
- 12. Executive Session (if needed)**
- 13. Set Date of Next Meeting**
- 14. Adjournment**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 4:43 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Luki Akelkok - here  
 Carol Nicoli - here  
 Sandra Sterner - here

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Sandra S. made a motion to approve agenda followed by a 2nd from Carol N.

**IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS**

Stan Dancer - Lead Teacher / Principal  
 Donna Loucks - Certified teacher  
 Ervine Baird - 5th - 8th grade teacher  
 Sherrill Baird - Aide for 5th - 8th grade  
 Mary Walcott - secretary  
 Lorraine King - parent  
 Buck Williams - parent / Elementary tutor

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Sandra S. made a motion to approve previous minutes followed by a 2nd from Carol N.  
 Sandra S. made a motion to approve minutes from the meeting in December.

**LEAD TEACHER / PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Stan gave report. See attached paper. The spelling bee was today, Ashleanne got out on the first round for grades K-4th, and Peter got out on the third round for 5th - 8th grade. Get fundraisers for our tournament. Need more parents to volunteer to help out when we have fundraisers going on.

**STAFF REPORT**

**a. Baird, Ervine** - Gave report. See attached paper.

**b. Moede, Melissa** - Not here. Donna Loucks gave report on the K - 4th graders. Having fun with the kids. There were two student that was supposed to be going but instead we had three new students so the total is now eight students in her classroom. Working on getting the students into their work, pleased with the students working behavior. They're doing reading, writing and math, they also started on science. Met some of the younger kids parents when they'd drop them off to school in the morning.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**a. 8th Grade Trip** - had discussions already. Sandra S. made a motion to approve it followed by a 2nd from Carol N.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS / INFORMATION**

none

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lorraine asked Stan if the rumors she heard about the principal from Koliganek coming down to Ekwok next year to teach here. She will be coming down here next year to teach, she has had the teacher experience, she's good with kids, she can handle kids, and she's teaching in Koliganek right now. She's strong in Language Arts and reading programs.

Buck made a comment. Never seen the kids so ready to play basketball. Sixth graders and all three 8th graders starting. Got four teams from New Stuyahok coming on Saturday. Need a female chaperone for next weekend when the kids go to Aleknagik. Donna Loucks will be the chaperone for them next week. Called off the dance because of church, a priest will be coming to bless houses.

**CSC COMMENT**

Yupik teacher position, so far received one application, and maybe one more person might apply for the job.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

None

**SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 14, 2008.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Carol N. made a motion to adjourn meeting at 5:27 p.m. followed by a 2nd from Sandra S.

## CSC Meeting Notes for 1/17/2008

Our Christmas play was a success. Everyone seemed to like it and the students did very well. It was good to get back to a regular classroom routine.

With the Christmas holidays behind us, I am beginning to concentrate on the basic skills needed in Language Arts to pass the state tests that will be the first of April.

The students are also breaking down into skill level reading groups and we are reading novels in each group.

We have not started science yet as our books will not arrive until this weekend, so we have been finishing up some history.

The time previously spent in Yup'ik, is now spent in the library on the Learning Upgrade program on the computers. Mr. B is in there to monitor the students to make sure they are really working and not sneaking in a game. I still teach Health to the other half of the class during this time.

This week the school district sent around our letters of intent for another year of teaching. It is with sincere regret that I inform you that this time, I resigned, effective at the end of this school year. Both Mr. B and I have loved our life here, but as my back deteriorates, it is time for us to return home. We will miss all of you. This village, for the most, has treated us with kindness and good will.

## Lead Teacher Report

We have a long-term substitute, Donna Loucks, while Melissa is in Wisconsin having her baby. She called this morning and she hasn't had the baby yet. They will induce labor if she doesn't have it before Monday.

We have three new students from Koliganek. Ashleanne (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Jaden (1<sup>st</sup> grade), and Monica (Kindergarten) Ishnook started school yesterday.

Sonny Nelson is now attending Dillingham School. Our student total is now 23.

It seems that basketball is the order of the day around here right now. We have games scheduled each weekend until the end of February. Airfare is going to run about \$4500 of which about \$3000 will come out of the budget. We will have to get the remainder from our student activity account. Additionally, we will have to come up with about \$7000 for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Hawaii from the student account.

The after school program is going well. Buck and Marlene are doing a great job.

Peter did an outstanding job taking care of the school and making sure the fuel tanks were full during the past couple of months. We are now back on city power.

We have \$12,197.33 in the student checking account as of today.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stan Dancer

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The students have been doing many things since I last reported to the District School Board in November. Our Christmas play was enjoyed by all, with a visit from Santa topping off the afternoon. Our basketball team traveled to New Stuyahok where they had a lot of fun and even won a couple of games. They have also been here for a scrimmage.

As of this writing we are getting prepared for the 2008 Alex Nelson Memorial Basketball Tournament. We have invited 7 schools to attend and it appears that we will have 5 schools playing in two divisions. It will be a busy time for the staff and volunteers, and a fun time for the students and players.

Our younger students celebrated the hundredth day of school by writing poems and other activities.

We still have not filled the Bilingual Aide position. It has been vacant since the Christmas break. We are filling that time with the Learning Upgrade program with the goal for each student achieving gold on the area they are working on such as reading, comprehension and math.

The Saxon math program is going well. The students are getting constant reinforcement from past lessons while learning new concepts. This should allow the students to do well on the math portion of their SBA's later this year.

Donna Loucks has been filling for Melissa Mogen, who had her baby and has returned to the village. All are doing fine. Melissa is scheduled to return after Spring Break.

Stan Dancer  
Lead Teacher