

WILLIAM "SONNY" NELSON SCHOOL

CSC MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2009.

TIME: 1 p.m.

PLACE: William "Sonny" Nelson School - Principal's Office

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL: Luki Akelkok, ^{excused} Carol Nicoli, Dan Decker
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS
5. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: December 16th
6. LEAD TEACHER/PRINCIPAL REPORT
 - a. Eligibility
 - b. Basketball Tournament
 - c. Honor Roll
7. STAFF REPORT
 - a. Dancer, Suzan
 - b. Moede, Melissa
8. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Cook Position
9. DISCUSSION ITEMS/INFORMATION
10. PUBLIC COMMENT
11. CSC COMMENT
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION- needed
13. SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING
14. ADJOURNMENT

WILLIAM "SONNY" NELSON SCHOOL CSC MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009. 1 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by Luki Akelkok.

ROLL CALL: The following CSC members were present:
Luki Akelkok
Dan Decker
Carol Nicoli - Absent

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Dan Decker made a motion to approve the agenda, followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok. Motion carried, agenda adopted.

IDENTIFICATION OF GUESTS:
Stan Dancer: Lead Teacher/Principal
Suzan Dancer: 5th-8th Grade Teacher
Mary Walcott: School Secretary

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Dan Decker made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16th, followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok. Minutes adopted.

LEAD TEACHER/PRINCIPAL REPORT: Gave report, see attached paper.

- a. Eligibility:** Discussed in report.
- b. Basketball Tournament:** discussed in report.
- c. Honor Roll:** discussed in report.

STAFF REPORT:

- a. Dancer, Suzan:** gave report, see attached paper.
- b. Moede, Melissa:** gave report, see attached paper.

ACTION ITEMS:

a. Cook Position: Need to hire someone. Discussed it during executive session. Hired Pauline Akelkok as permanent cook. Roll Call vote: Luki Akelkok - abstain, Dan Decker - Approve.

DISCUSSION ITEMS/INFORMATION: Received the track for the pinewood derby.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

CSC COMMENT: none

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Dan Decker made a motion to go into executive session at 1:03 p.m., followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok. Dan Decker made a motion to come out of executive session at 1:15 p.m., followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok.

SET DATE OF NEXT MEETING: left it open.

ADJOURNMENT: Dan Decker made a motion to adjourn meeting at 1:19 p.m., followed by a 2nd by Luki Akelkok. Meeting adjourned.

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It was a busy time for the school since our last meeting. The Christmas Program went well and the potluck that followed went well also. There were about 60 people in attendance.

On January 5th, the certified staff returned for 4 days of training. Training included Response to Instruction, Interpreting data, and test taking strategies. We also found time to get the SPED Aides some mandatory training.

Report cards went home on January 12th, the first day the students were back. Those students having a failing grade have two weeks to get that grade raised to a passing grade to be eligible for sports this quarter. We have spoken to those students affected by this and let them know what they needed to do to be eligible. They will be allowed to practice, but not play in games. Additionally, the students have to keep their grades up to remain eligible throughout the season.

The pinewood derby cars have arrived and the students are getting them shaped and painted for the upcoming derby. The track and timer have been shipped.

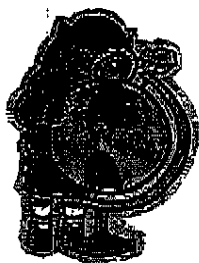
The trophies for the basketball tournament and pinewood derby have been ordered and shipped along with participation medals for all.

If my numbers are correct, we should have about 60 athletes and 40 drivers from Koliganek, Manokotak, New Stuyahok, Clark's Point, Twin Hills, and Ekwok. They will be arriving on the 30th and begin playing games in the afternoon. One evening we will be having a DJ dance with popcorn and koolaid provided. On the other evening we will have a movie, again with popcorn and koolaid.

We had our makeup day on the 17th. We had an assembly after lunch. "A" Honor Roll student for the 2nd Quarter was Earlene Nelson. "B" Honor Roll students were Peter Nelson, David Williams, Annie Nicoli, David Walcott, Dawn Hurley, and Josephine Decker.

Currently, we have \$14,823.69 in the checking account.

Stan



MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

December/January

Middle School is all about reading to learn. Reading skills are used to understand and comprehend all of the content areas. The students have been using their reading skills to learn all about other countries in Geography this year. Currently the students are learning all about China and the celebration of the Chinese New Year. They are also taking the information they read about China to then learn to write well-developed paragraphs. Research tells us students learn information best when we connect it to events and ideas with which they are familiar. This is why I have been teaching them Geography through the connection of holidays and world celebrations. So far the students have learned how some countries celebrate Halloween, Christmas and New Years. Making connections to the world around them will help them with comprehension and understanding. It will also help them with remembering what they learn.

This year our school chose to focus on improving student's writing scores on the SBA's. I have researched many different ways of teaching paragraph writing and believe I have finally found a process that is easy for our students to understand. The writing that I have been receiving from the students over the last month is some of the best they have done thus far this year. They continue to improve everyday. Writing is one of the most difficult skills to learn and to teach. Motivating students to write is very challenging. Students do not believe it is an important skill. The classroom aides and I have tried to share with them the many times they will need to use writing when they enter the adult world, but until they see a personal need and connection to writing, they are going to continue to avoid doing it well.

Mrs. Dancer

Ms. Moede's K-4th gr. Report for CSC Meeting on January 22, 2009

Since we have been back to school, we have been learning about New Year's, and Martin Luther King Jr. and we have been talking a little bit about our new president. At the end of the month we will be learning about the Chinese New Year and we will celebrate that holiday with the 5-8 gr. class.

We are now studying Science and we are learning about our bodies, how they grow and change. We are still reading and writing every day. My students are very interested in reading, which is exciting to see. In the afternoons we have math and spelling.

Our basketball tournament is at the end of this month. The kids are working hard to get ready. Some of the players are working on improving their grades so they will be eligible to play. If those players get their grades up we should have 11 players and enough for a girls team also.