

the class.

John Hager suggested we ask the high school if we can borrow some of their folding mats. They have quite a few upstairs (in the gym balcony) they don't use much, now that there is a rolled up mat to cover that whole area. Hank offered to ask at the high school for use of the mats. If he runs into trouble or confusion, he will defer to one of the parent policy committee.

Norm suggested we keep exercise down to a few periods of 15 or 20 minute breaks, except for the scheduled practices in the morning.

Hank had a plan to use student's book reports to help students raise money for ACSA through marketing these books through Amazon.com bookstore on the web. Some discussion followed, stretching into students making home pages. More will be discussed about this when it is better understood and presented as a program.

*As far as anyone knows at this meeting, no letters of intent have been received from prospective board members. John Hager appeared at the meeting to volunteer directly. After some discussion, he was appointed into the parent policy committee by Norm and the action approved by voice vote of the committee.

Don Smith offered to help where ever the committee needed technical support, or whatever else he could do, but he cannot commit to be on the committee at this time. He will come to any of our meetings we request him as a resource. It was felt Don would be a good person to screen new grant requests we found to determine whether they would be worth our effort to apply for. It was stressed that Don wouldn't be the one applying for them, he would just be a good person to see how feasible any RFP's were for our program and what our chances of funding would be.

* As to closing the enrollment for the ACSA on the first of November. It was assumed Kaci spoke with the parents of those students on the waiting list this year about our closed enrollment after last month's meeting. We had no confirmation, however. Norm asked George to confirm with Kaci that these parents were contacted, or that this is no longer an issue.

Norm talked with Karen Ligon about the recess policy and the west parking lot last week. That was taken care of easily, but the use of the big classroom between the harder school's class and the Superintendent's living quarters was harder to negotiate. Discussion was cut short by another meeting before he was able to explore ways to use the classroom with Karen, but they will talk about it again.

George and Lew volunteered to build the other two sets of lockers over the Christmas break. They are thinking of meeting Tuesday, Dec 22 to do it. If any one else is interested, or has time to help, they should call Lew at NWC 443-2201, or home 443-5549. George is reachable at his home, or Crowley, as well. Call on, or before, Tuesday.

It was further suggested that we wait until the Christmas break to assemble and hook up the computers. That motion was tabled until we could see if it was necessary. Keith and Hank have talked to Erik (the Tech for the High school). He may be able to help us, but not on school time. He will order us a hub. Norm said he would like to come in and help set up the computers over the break. Any one wanting to help with that project call norm at his house or AK Gold 443-5272.

Norm had a few copies of the policy handbook Fred showed us last meeting. He suggested as many committee people as possible should review them and be prepared to discuss putting on together for ACSA.

* We've ordered 10 "plain" computers for the classroom and 2 "super" computers for graphic programs, plus all the periphery printers and software we should need. The equipment should be here before Christmas. Boxes of periphery equipment had arrived Tuesday morning. Nothing has been unpacked yet. So far it looked like Printers and Scanners.

Norm didn't talk to us about his talk with Karen Ligon about the space rental and utilities.

Fred reported briefly on his report to the Nome School Board. He felt it went really well, mentioned Karen's response to our work with standards, and reinforced the idea of someone reporting for ACSA at every School Board meeting. Nome school Board will not meet again until Jan 12, a week after our next meeting. Norm will designate someone to make a ACSA report to the Nome School Board at our next meeting.

Other business:

Norm talked about the committee looking at a video tape of parliamentary procedure to acquaint ourselves with the formal rules.

Kaci sent in a grant request she had found for the academy. It was suggested maybe Don could look it over and give us his opinion of what possibility we had for it and if we should pursue the idea.

Fred hoped this committee could put together a packet for each member of all the important documents we have created and are dealing with in the ACSA. Our grants Charters, time-lines and policies. He is finding it frustrating to have to look through all his charter school papers every time he wants an important document, and then never knowing whether he has the final draft. Norm agreed this was something that was long overdue. He would get together with Kaci over the break and come up with a packet of important papers to distribute to all the members in Jan. This packet will get more important as our April meeting with the School Board approaches to renew our contract.

To that same goal Hank asked about a parent survey. He has found a web site he thinks will help us build a survey. A parent survey is another part of our renewal process with the Nome School Board. With all the budget cuts forecast, this may be a real effort for a second year.

Fred mentioned the volunteer ambulance program is doing CPR/First Aid certification Training for the High School Health classes (through the STW program) this week. He would be willing to do something with the academy next semester. He is a certified instructor. It would take approximately 3, half days of school.

Norm suggested we change the meeting frequency for the policy committee to once a month. We would then meet only on the first Tuesday each month and call other meetings as needed. It would give us more time to work on other projects for the ACSA in small groups and report back at the monthly meetings. This was tabled until the January 5 meeting for more discussion.

Jenny asked wether we wanted to be part of the State Spelling Bee. Each elementary and junior high school in the state is allowed to send one student to the spelling be if they declare their intentions before Dec. 18. The State Bee is sometime in March. It was suggested we declare our intentions, to hold our place and discuss this with Keith before deciding. It would be done with parent help.

Hank mentioned that the best time for him to deal with any bookkeeping or records or extra paperwork was Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 P.M.

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Parents Meeting 12/15

5:20 PM - up

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