Nikiski Site Council Meeting

KPBSD annual budget meeting

October 17, 2017

**Call to Order**: 4:11

**Present (from Nikiski High School):** Anna Widman, Dan Carstens, Janell Grenier

**Absent:** Jesse Bjorkman, Colleen Wik, Megan Payne, Laura Neimczyk

**Sean Dusek, Superintendent:**

* 44 schools create a challenge as well as strengths
* Graduation rate has improved
* Enrollment has gone down
* Expenditures FY 18 138,569,496, Revenues 138,247,518
* Where are our districts priorities?
  + Staffing has been the first priority.
  + Second is purchase services (not controlled by the district) allotted to the borough maintenance to keep up our schools. Recently, every year has been a deficit.
* Savings account
  + Biggest cost=health care, which has continued to shrink in recent years.
  + Uncommitted has shrunk since 2012
* Recent Reduction
  + Site council input has helped
  + 10 fewer central office
  + Equipment supplies
  + More distance delivery
  + Smaller schools share administration
  + Changes in transportation
* Expectations FY19
  + Funding is unknown
    - Flat funding is a cut we will have to make more reductions
    - Legislature is still working on a plan
    - The district is going to learn as much as possible as early as possible so they know what they have to work with as early as possible.
    - Look at 2009-2011 as good examples of how a knowing our funding early approach is effective.
    - Remind our leaders that the earlier we know the better.
* What we do with our monies
  + Staff development that keeps them current, moving them to the future with our students.
  + Kids need experiences that will lead them to a future.

**Review of Videos and generation of questions.**

**Dan**

* **Budget needs: We need to know so that we can make plans**
* **Talking to the state legislators and let them know we need time to plan in order to run the best district.**

**Margret**

* **Could not fill positions because candidates ran out due to late budget information.**
* **We need certainty good or bad so we can pivot around that number.**

**Review Key Elements/Comments from all:**

* **Last year our budget was slashed June 30th locally although they do not always know due to the state.**
* **Not much comes from the Federal Government except Title programs and some technology grants.**
* **Mike Navare and Peter Micciche should be contacted by educators and advocates.**
* **ADM (Average Daily Membership) cannot change in a negative direction.**
* **Due to number of small schools we need more ADM.**