

Susan B English School
PAC/SBDM Council
Minutes from Tuesday January 31, 2017

I. Opening Activities

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:08pm
- B. **Present:** PAC MEMBERS: Ila Dillon, Cassidi Little SBDMC: Renee Purpura, Alan Haskins, Karen Bornheimer
- C. **Minutes** Approval of 11/10/2016 minutes
- D. **Approval of Agenda** approved
- E. **Additions/Amendments to agenda** NONE

II. Principal's Report

- A. **Legislative Update/Budget Update:** Status of funding. The State is looking and flat funding. 3.6 million deficit; PTR is getting cut at the high school level and elementary. In March the KPB will be presented the District's budget and decide if they (KPB) will fund to the cap. Moose Pass is closing. We need to watch this process closely, as it dictates what SBE future will be. Kids will still be educated at Susan B English, it is just a matter of how and with what methods.
- B. **SBE Attendance:** Currently, SBE has a 4 star rating (out of five). Test scores, attendance, graduation rate, and tardiness all play a part in the rating. As a school and community, we need to preserve the 4 stars we have; attendance, tardies, and sick days need to improve. We need to support and applaud those who get their kids to school on time, and make sure their kids are attending school. Due to our low numbers of kids, one kid out sick makes a big difference; if we aren't careful, we could easily move down to three stars. And while we are trying to get enrollment numbers up, having just three stars is not going to attract families to Seldovia.

III. Old Business:

- A. **Letter from the PAC.** A letter to legislators, policy makers for the State of Alaska was drafted and sent out; let the minutes reflect that the letter was read and that there was no objection to the letter. It was also brought up that the letter was emailed to PAC members in November with no reply from members. For future reference, letters written on behalf of PAC members should be officially reflected in the meeting and minutes.

IV. NEW Business:

NONE