

Alert Bay School PAC Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2019

Location: ABES Staff Room

Present: Jen Turner, Eric Hunter, Amanda Christianson, Ros McKinney, Susan Dalton

Principal's report:

- Smaller Classes this year; total enrolment 45
- The School Board has approved a Strong Start program at ABES
- Successes and challenges with the school garden. We will need soil amendment going forward.
- After School Program is bringing in Dance Workshops for all students during the week of Sept. 23 – 27.
- After School Program is bringing in Missoula Theatre Group for the week on Dec. 9 – 13. They will be directing the Christmas Concert on Dec. 13 in the evening.
- Orange Shirt Day – the school has purchased orange shirts for all students that they will be personalizing. Some discussion of the possibility of a residential school survivor speaking with the children.
- Math is this year's school goal. ABES is partnering with AJ Elliot which has a strong math program. Our teacher's will learn about their style of teaching math and AJ will look to ABES for more aboriginal content.

Discussion about bringing in elders to the Kwakwala class.

Executive Election:

Rosalind McKinney – President

Melissa Fletcher – Treasurer and DPAC representative

Susan Dalton – Secretary

Many thanks to Amanda Christianson for her many years and service as PAC president.

Discussion about the school counselors request for a love seat and comfortable chair for the counselling room. We will start looking for something appropriate to purchase.

Next meeting date: TBA