

Advancing Our Community
February 12, 2009

In attendance: Alison Dunlap – SAIL, Taylor White - SHS, Helen West - SHS, Ryan Kauffman – Community Schools, Kelly Warren - SEARHC, Curt Ledford – Community Schools, Rick Petersen - AMSEA, Chris Baumann - SAFV, Julia Smith - SAFV, Lori Grassgreen - AK Network on DV, Annette Becker - YAS, David Voluck - YAS, Sheldon Schmitt - SPD, Penny Lehmann – Public Health, Gretchen Clarke - SEARHC, Gordon Blue - SCPS

New student representatives: Holly Reeder (not present), Maggie Garrison

SAIL: needs to provide 20 employee disability awareness trainings; contact Alison if your organization is interested.

YAS: hired Andy Lee as new ED;

David Voluck will continue as Tribal Court judge; MCs have been down, but more in the last week again.

YAS selected to be pilot project with Center for Community and SCAPS for community-wide positive behavioral support; BMS is pilot school to incorporate Positive Behavioral Support into curriculum; hoping to go district-wide and have common value-driven language in community even among agencies that serve children;

Annette on maternity leave – Andy Lee will be the contact person for her program

Sitka Health Summit: April 29-May1; Wed night dinner, honoring wellness champions; Thurs is planning day; speaker is Judd Allen – his focus is the culture of behavioral change and will help Sitka think about cultural shifts to make things happen,

SAFV: fundraiser Feb 21, Taco Feed and dessert auction, \$8 for dinner, auction after, ANB Hall, 5:30

AMSEA: train the trainer in Seward soon, in Sitka late in Sept to train cold-water safety/survival skills.

SAFV: prevention planning through Delta project – they have established 5 goals; next steps are to rally people around the individual goals and find strategies for those goals.

Theater project started last Sat, open to ages 13-19, use theater as catalyst for social change; this Saturday is last Sat to register; Gerry Bigalow on contract to integrate hip-hop into the writing of the play;

Girls on the Run – prevention program for girls 4th, 5th, 6th – running program that builds self-esteem; looking for running buddies;

TRAIN meets on Tuesdays at B&G Club, creating a radio show to promote positive messaging to the community

Linda Chamberlain coming in late April to do workshops on the adolescent brain development, effects of substance abuse and exposure to violence.

Sitka Police Dept: Safe Schools, Healthy Students grant with variety of community partners – PBS program is large component of it;

Public Health: Hep B vaccine available for adults for \$24 (vs. \$80-90); groups of clients or staff can receive a site visit

Community Schools: tobacco prevention and cessation – delivering Too Good For Drugs to 2nd-9th graders this year, thanks to Americorps; prevention and cessation efforts started at Hanson House.

SCPS: lots of collaborating going on; spike in mental health emergencies (as well as MCs) in January; thanks to SPD for helping with ex parte transports and get them on the plane, to the hospital, etc.

SHS has the largest greenhouse gas emissions of any municipal building, partly due to incorporation of auditorium; wanting to work on reducing that, looking for help from Global Warming committee (or other organizations); trying to get rid of the automatic light system;

student council is planning a community fundraiser with MEHS; upper-class boys pageant show,

BB games: working on positive school rivalry, pretty good so far, egg thrown at bus; hoping that next year more SHS students will go over to MEHS when games are there (esp. pep band and “Sitka Psychos”)

MEHS Amnesty and LEADS groups came together with SHS Amnesty – watched movie together on Gaza/Palestinians, etc. Nice to interact more and talk about what each is doing with their groups, talked about collaborating; did candlelight vigil

March 15 – Davey Lubin, Guatemalan library, NHS holding a banquet as a fundraiser

Some concern that student council next year won’t continue being a link to the community, and to make things happen through committees; interested in ideas for continuity.

YRBS

March 11; positive parental permission required; 358, 178 yeses, 29 nos; 50% participation already; 66% return; need 60% surveyed. (180 not signed)

Penny, Alison, Helen, Taylor, Gordon offer to help.

Permission slips are online AOC website

March 12 – next AOC meeting, 1:30