



Principal's Report
UCSD Board Meeting
September 21, 2000

Student Activities:

othe Raiders Cross Country Team attended meets at Homer, Seward, Anchorage Christian School, and Palmer this month. The team will travel to Bethel this weekend for the Region I Championship, and those who qualify will attend the State Championships in Soldotna on September 30.

- The Raiders Swim Team traveled to the Homer Invitational Meet earlier this month. A community meet is scheduled for this Friday evening (warm-ups at 6:00 P.M., start at 7:00 P.M.). The Raiders will travel to Valdez on Oct. 20 and to the Region III Championship on Nov. 3-4. State qualifiers will attend the State Championship in Anchorage on Nov.10- 11.
- Raiders Volleyball (girls) will begin practice on September 25. The first meet is scheduled for Oct. 6-7 in Homer. Babbi Goodwin is head Coach.
- There are a few boys interested in reviving the wrestling program. We are currently looking for a coach.
- Faculty members have filled most extra-duty positions. We still need a wrestling coach, pep club sponsor, student council sponsor, and DECA sponsor.
- John Conwell will attend the Region I Board of Control meetings on September 28-29 in Anchorage.

Special Education:

- Preparations for posting Child Find notices have been underway since early September. Per state requirements, we are having the notices translated into several languages that are spoken in Unalaska including Tagalog, Spanish, Russian, and Japanese. Efforts to translate the notices into additional languages will be ongoing throughout the year. Child Find notices will be posted beginning next week.
- Itinerant clinicians' visits for this fall are scheduled as follows: Dan Quinn, Physical Therapist, Sept. 25; Jim Coats, School Psychologist, Oct. 2-6; Darlene K. Batchelder, Speech Pathologist, Oct. 9-13; Jo Ann Schnellbaecher, Occupational Therapist, Oct. 12-13.

School Librarian

- Barbara Gurley will be working in our school library with Gail from September 20 - 22. She is a certified school librarian in another state and has completed all the requirements for certification in Alaska. A copy of proper certification and endorsements should be in our possession soon. She arrived at the school Wednesday and will be assisting Gail with the library. Specifically, she will be involved in writing policy and procedures for the library. This will be very useful in the event we have further personnel changes.

- An agenda from the September 14, 2000 staff meeting is attached.
- A summary of the Alaska State Standards for Quality Schools Report of Compliance is attached. It was completed by the staff at the September staff meeting. The summary is the average of all staff responses. Item 13 is being addressed by assigning Mr. Dirks to coordinate all ESL programs. The school now has speakers of other languages to assist students who are not proficient in English.
- A meeting of the Parent committee for Indian Education met September 19, 2000. A recommendation was made to maintain copyright of the book Old-time Stories at UCSD. However, if University of Alaska is willing to do the work they could place it on UCSD web page and show a link from their page.
- Open House and Back to School Night was well attended. Several teachers commented that they were pleased with the change in format. The opening session in the auditorium did not last as long and small children did not become restless as in previous year. The teachers had more time for conversation and exchange in the classrooms, which was beneficial.
- The Gifted and Talented Program is getting started. Ms. Sweenhart will be working with Jerry Whitney to deliver the GT services. We are working to make each IEP meaningful and enriching for the students. More information will be shared with students and parents as IEPs and the program are developed. It should be noted that the GT program will not be a pullout program but will include enrichment in the classrooms and some activities will include other students.
- The staff is in the process of establishing goals for the year. The staff will be asked to set goals in three categories. Instructional goals, staff goals and community goals will be addressed at the October staff meeting. Discussion started at the September meeting but time limitations caused us to table this activity until October.
- Susan Carlile held her annual parent meeting prior to the start of her classes. This meeting was well attended and Susan did an excellent job explaining her program.
- The Student Assistance Team is in place and meeting regularly at 3:30 - 4:30 PM each Tuesday. Teri Boyles, Guidance Counselor, chairs the team. The purpose of this team is to offer assistance to other staff members in dealing with student problems.
- Key Bank employees were present at the school Tuesday to show us that "Neighbors Make a Difference". They were involved in several different activities around the school but most noticeably they were in the middle of the river taking fish with the Hatchery class.
- Student progress reports will be mailed October 2, 2000. Yes, the quarter is half over already.
- The Annual Report to the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges is due October 15, 2000. Work is in progress and should be completed on time.
- Unalaska City School District will conduct a self-study for the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges this year. This is in addition to the Annual Report. The McDowell survey, Strategic Planning sessions, Staff goal setting and Board goal setting should all dovetail into the self study.
- High School Graduation Qualifying Exam is scheduled for October 3,4 and 5. Only the 11th graders who did not pass or did not take a sub-test will be taking this exam this session.
- Staff members are invited to bring additional curriculum models in until October 15th. They are to notify Bonnie Whitney that they would like to examine a particular curriculum and Bonnie will make the contacts to acquire the curriculum model.