

**Fairview Community Council
Education Committee**

March 21, 2006

Minutes

Anchorage School Board Candidate Public Forum in Fairview.

Final plans were discussed and duties assigned for a public forum for school board candidates to be held March 30. Dan Loring was assigned to handle the facility, food, candidate contacts, and publicity including media. Dale Myhill will create a flyer, moderate the forum, assist in setup and cleanup, and help with publicity to the Historic Four Community Councils. The focus of the forum will be how the candidates intend to address the high drop-out rate among minority students in Anchorage which is of high interest to the diverse neighborhood of Fairview.

Fairview Student Council Projects

Plans were made to connect with the Fairview student council to discuss any student projects the council had developed and how the Education committee could assist in their success.

Attendance at the April 5 Student Council meeting might be arranged.

Improving Parent Involvement

Dan reported on his involvement and connections with several organizations that promote parent involvement in local schools including the Minority Concerns Committee, Cook Inlet Tribal Council Education Advisory Committee, Partner's Program in Anchorage High Schools, Johnson O'Malley Grant Parent Committee, and the PTA organizations in Anchorage including the Anchorage Council of PTAs. We discussed how the Fairview Education Committee might join other community efforts for increased involvement by Fairview parents at Fairview Elementary and the middle and high schools that their children attend.

Future plans: PTA, Senior Pen Pals, and other activities

Dan reported that elections for next year's PTA officers were planned for April, with installation of the new officers at the May meeting. There has been some delay in the state PTA approving the new by-laws. Dale reported that there has been some delay getting letters written by students released to the Senior Center for responding correspondence, but he intends to keep trying until the end of the school year. Dale participated in the Dr. Seuss Reading night at Fairview on February 28 by reading to the students and distributing free books collected for the children by Nine Star Enterprises. He intends to attend the Title 1 advisory meetings where he will promote the use of Fairview Title 1 funds to hire parent involvement coordinators who will use 80% of their time visiting parents in student's homes. He also plans to participate in the Math Family Night celebration on April 25.

Next regular meeting is April 18, 6:00 PM at the Gateway Learning Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale H. Myhill
Chair