

# Migrant Education Parent Committee Meeting Minutes

Dec. 3, 2025 @ 5:30pm

Located in Conference room 140 in the Central Services building. Microsoft Teams Meeting was available as well for anyone wishing to join online.

Start Time: 5:32

End Time: 6:10

## **Migrant Staff:**

**Federal Programs Director** – TODD BURTON - [tburton01@kibsd.org](mailto:tburton01@kibsd.org)

**Federal Programs Secretary** – SARA THOMPSON [sara.thompson@kibsd.org](mailto:sara.thompson@kibsd.org)

**Aides:** Kodiak Middle School – TBD

East Elementary – TBD

Kodiak HS – Josh Lunsman – [joshua.lunsman@kibsd.org](mailto:joshua.lunsman@kibsd.org)

Main Elementary – TBD

Peterson Elementary – TBD

AKTeach – Julie Holt – [julie.holt@kibsd.org](mailto:julie.holt@kibsd.org)

We introduced our new Aides (Josh – at the HS and Julie at AK Teach). Josh and Julie told us a little bit about themselves, it was great for our families to meet them and we are excited to have them on board!

We are still actively hiring for other Aides! Please apply or share the word! Flyers will come out soon!

We introduced Astrid Rose who is the Migrant Education Program PAC (Parent Advisor Committee) Representative for the region and the State. She is a great contact and can relay important information to our Migrant Ed Parent Committee.

## **Older Business:**

### **Update on Federal Funding –**

We are good to go this year! We haven't heard anything for next year's funding but not looking great for available funding. So, enjoy this year!

**POOL Pass** – Rolling along! People are utilizing this perk. For those that haven't that would like to have access the pool, please reach out to [FederalPrograms@kibsd.org](mailto:FederalPrograms@kibsd.org) to submit your request. Please have your child(ren's) full name on your request so that we can easily verify them. The passes are good until Sept. 30, 2026! Please take full advantage of this awesome opportunity!

**2025-2026 School Year Migrant Education Program Services and Benefits bulletin out to families first week of October.** – Our updated bulletin is out and put in our newsletter as well as our Migrant Education Program website. It explains some of the benefits for the program this year, please check it out!

**Migrant Literacy Grant Award** – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> we will have visiting author and graphic novel artist Casey Silvia and Dimi Macheras coming to Kodiak! Their books are wildly popular in Anchorage and Wasilla. They are coming from Seattle to visit us. They will go to the primary schools to visit with the students and then will be at the marketplace for book signings. This is very exciting, and we are looking forward to having them here!

**Encouraged to fill out the Free & Reduced Meal Application** – Please fill out the Free and reduced application online on our district website, do not solely rely on the migrant program for free meals as our funding is questionable for next school year. If you have any questions about where to find this application or need assistance with it, please reach out to us at [FederalPrograms@kibsd.org](mailto:FederalPrograms@kibsd.org).

### **New Business:**

**Actively looking for applicants for Aide II Migrant at Kodiak Middle School** – Our students need the support! 27.2% Migrant Ed students at the HS have at least one F.

At KMS 21.4% Migrant Ed students have at least one F. In AK Teach it is tougher to run these reports because grades are not in real time, but looking at secondary realm in AK Teach with Migrant Ed students, there are about 25 that can receive support, and about 25 in K-5 grades that could receive support. Aides are an important asset for supporting for these students. If you or anyone you know might be interested in more information about becoming a Migrant Education Program Aide please reach out to us with any questions at [FederalPrograms@kibsd.org](mailto:FederalPrograms@kibsd.org) or at 907-486-7596. There will be a flyer to promote these positions coming out soon!

**Healthy Active Lifestyles – Allotment \$200** – The MEP Healthy lifestyles allotment went up \$50 this year totaling at \$200 per qualifying student! The allotment can not support KIBSD activities or KIBSD fees. What it can support is anything that can get the students up and moving, that is a local activity, if you have any questions about the allotment or whether an activity is covered or not, please reach out to us at [FederalPrograms@kibsd.org](mailto:FederalPrograms@kibsd.org) or at 907-486-7596.

**Next round of POOL Access Passes will take place on January 5, 2026** – Anyone that is not in the pool pass system please email or call us to sign up! Expires Sept. 30, 2026

**KOC/CAMP update from MJ McCown** – MJ McCown is the CAMP Director for Kodiak College, Some updates from CAMP: flyers will come out for each event, we will add them to our Federal Programs newsletter or send them via email.

Jan. 16 – CAMP Grant Family fun night

Jan. 30 - Cabin Fever Reliever

Feb. 5 – Scholarship fair, come ask questions and learn some info!

MJ is traveling to Rural schools and villages- she will be chartering planes out, if there is anything you need to send out please reach out to her, as she has near empty planes! Her contact information is: [mjmccown@alaska.edu](mailto:mjmccown@alaska.edu)

**Battle Books** – We have TWO sets for each book checkout in the Federal Programs Office! If your student needs to come check them out, please come by and take a look at what we have!

**Summer Learning Loss Prevention** – For the summer learning loss prevention activity, we are looking into a subscription service to online activities. The subscription we are currently looking at is Acellus. It has video presentations with work to follow. Kids love it, we've had multiple people tell us great things about it. Right now, possibly July would be the month that we can offer it to our migrant ed students. We are still working out details, we will update as we know more. A survey will come out for families input on the options we are looking at, please be on the lookout for that in January as we really would like your input.

**Bookfair Information** – If you have a student in AK teach/homeschool, or that is not in a building that has had a school bookfair you are allotted \$25 to pick out books! This includes the high school! If your student got approved for the MEP after your school's bookfair, you can participate in our Amazon order as well! Please reach out to [FederalPrograms@kibsd.org](mailto:FederalPrograms@kibsd.org) with your Amazon request. We will get it ordered for you!

\*\* Must be books- no journals, bookmarks, etc. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to our office.

### **Other Questions/Topics for SY 2025-2026?**

**Hunter Ed-** We are still working on purchasing codes, waiting for the field day. KHS and KCS should have a cohort soon! Anyone interested please reach out! We have a flyer with our Newsletter for more information.

**Next meetings will be:**

**Feb. 25 2026 at 5:30pm**

**May 6 2026 at 5:30pm**

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