



Director Report: April 13, 2023 for 4:00pm Advisory Board meeting on April 20, 2023

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Spring is here! And such a busy time of year!

### **Operations**

- I attended another Grant Workshop on Essentials of Grant Management. Very enlightening and a reminder of the incredible amount of work it takes!
- We have decided to not seek further the \$1.3M grant from DOE, we were discouraged from applying. Thought we would anyway, but after more conversations we have decided not to. Trying to handle such an enormous grant between 2 entities that do not have time would not go well and there is too much preliminary work to be done.
- Still working on the Energy Block grant with PMPL
- Spring Break was great with extra swim and gym times.
- Working with Hutli Story group to get designs and verbiage to Corvis in Juneau to create Phase 1 of the signs for Sandy Beach. This includes 4 signs that highlight the arrival of Indigenous peoples to the area.
- The Parks and Rec budget has been officially submitted. With the significant cuts we were asked to make, the Sandy Beach water fountains were not added. Grants will need to be found and awarded for this project.
- We have a Kids Don't Float event happening on Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8a-11a. We are hosting this event with US Coast Guard, with the elementary school hosting a hot dog lunch for participants and their families from 11a-12p. For the KDF event, registration is through Parks and Rec, the lunch registration is through the elementary school. For a full description of the event, please see our website or come chat with me.
- We are still attending meetings for Little Norway Festival and will begin meeting for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July very soon!
- THE PARADE TIME HAS MOVED TO 5P ON FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>!! Line up is at 4:45p!
- In the end of April (the 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>) we will be hosting an LG/LGI/WSI certification and recertification training that will include our staff, school staff, and Wrangell Parks and Rec staff. We do these every 2 years to retain our certifications and strengthen our staff! Theresa and Chrystine will be obtaining their WSI certifications!!
- We are struggling to figure out how to best prepare for summer programming in the Gym with the sewer line repairs. See below.
- We are on track to host the Basketball Camp with Noah Dahlman at the end of May! Registration is open and ready online.

## Maintenance

- Pete and Dick will be coming for a 1 day trip on April 21<sup>st</sup> to better plan for their finalization of electrical repairs. The final repairs will happen during our Cleaning and Maintenance closure in end of May/beginning of June.
- Our part time custodian, Daniel Pust, has been hired as the Parks and Maintenance Laborer!! He is currently out with Colin working in the parks until Oct when he will join Keith for maintenance during the winter.
- Therefore, we are once again looking for a part time custodian (14 hrs/wk) – please send people our way! We need help!!
- Our sewer line repair bidding documents created by RSA Engineering have been received. We will be entering them into the first Assembly meeting in May for permission to seek bids. Due to the short timeline, we are unable to guarantee that the work will be done during our slower summer months. We will do what we can but the repairs may end up happening into the school year.
- There is \$80K placed into the FY24 ARPA budget to make repairs to the gym ceiling as the ceiling tiles have been falling down.
- Pool covers were installed with the help of Aaron Buller, School Maintenance Tech, and our crew of Keith, Scott, Brit, Chrystine and I. It took 10 hours to replace all 4.
- We will be placing the purchase of new toilets and bear proof trash cans in the parks beginning of May. The restrooms will be reopened and ready for use by park goers on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – as long as everything plays nice!
- Huge thank you to Petersburg Rotary and the many community members that showed up to clean Sandy Beach park for the Elks Easter Egg Hunt but also just to clean and beautify our park for the spring and summer visitors!
- CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE CLOSURE: May 30 – June 12.

This concludes my report. Please present any questions you may have.