

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
Eagle River High School  
Public Forum Meeting  
January 20, 2005  
7:00pm

**AGENDA**

Welcome – Natalie Burnett, Eagle River High School Principal

Introductions-Natalie Burnett

- Eagle River High School Staff

Zone Exceptions-Mike Henry

- Process and Questions

Open Forum-Natalie Burnett

- Questions

Parent Volunteer/Committee Sign Up-Michele Quier

- Athletic Program
- Curriculum Program
- Positive School Climate Program

Future Meetings:

- Public Forum Meeting, March 31, 2005, 7:00pm, Gruening Middle School Cafeteria
- Athletic Committee Program Meeting, January 25, 2005, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, ERHS Construction Trailer
- Curriculum Program Committee Meeting, February 9, 2005, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, ERHS Construction Trailer
- Positive Climate Program Committee Meeting, March 9, 2005, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, ERHS Construction Trailer

Eagle River High School Website: [www.asdk12.org/renewal/HS/eagleriver.asp](http://www.asdk12.org/renewal/HS/eagleriver.asp)

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Public Forum Meeting Minutes  
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Natalie Burnett, Principal at Eagle River High School, welcomed attendees and introduced the Eagle River High School staff.

Mike Henry, High School Education Director, explained the zone exception process for Eagle River High School. A letter explaining the zone exception process for 2005-06 school year was sent to all students in the boundary area for Eagle River High School two weeks ago. Zone Exception application deadline is February 15, 2005. Mr. Henry stated that there should be plenty of seats in ERHS, CHS, and BHS for zone exceptions to be approved for 2005-06.

Eagle River High School will offer 4A sports programs offering all sports. Varsity Football will be on hold until 2006-07. JV Football will play the first year. The football fields will not be ready for use for at least two years as it can take up to two years for fields to be established.

Eagle River High School will offer different classes from Chugiak High School, generally, standard classes will be offered at both schools. Eagle River High School will also offer a technology-based curriculum. Aviation, Advanced Placement Classes, Choir, Band, Team English and History Classes for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are some of the classes that will be offered at Eagle River High School.

The current Eagle River High School staff is currently working to develop the a successful program that will include integrated teaching. Mike Henry added that the new summer school program will not be just for remedial classes but will offer credited courses for students. ASD also offers online Advanced Placement classes without charge.

Close to 75% of Eagle River High School teachers are hired. The other 25% will be hired this spring, either in or out-of district. Chugiak High School will lose over 500 students and approximately 15 teachers, 1 administrator as well as counselors.

A question was asked if Eagle River High School had a choir teacher hired? As of this date, no choir teacher has been hired.

A question if there will be police officer placed at Eagle River High School? There will be School Resource Officers in the school. It is unclear if there will be one or two at this time.

A question was asked if there would be city bussing available to the school? Ms. Burnett will look into this as a possibility.

A question was asked about the impact the school opening will have on traffic in the area of Yosemite Drive and Veteran's Parkway, entrance to the Glenn Highway? Anna Fairclough explained that she and Debbie Ossiander are working on easing the congested traffic situation in the area, but will need the public to help by contacting their Legislators. Yosemite Drive will not qualify for federal funding and is a state issue. Veteran's Pkwy has been added to the Legislative Priority List and Ms. Fairclough asked constituents to contact their legislators and ask them to look in the CIP List Catalog for the Yosemite Drive listing. The point in time is 7-8:30 am and 4-5:00pm.

The next Public Forum Meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2005, Gruening Middle School Multi-purpose Room, at 7:00 pm.