



Annual Report

2013-2014

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Located on the Howard Luke Campus
601 Loftus Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Mission

Effie Kokrine Charter School (EKECCS) is a school of choice and first opened its doors in August of 2005. It is located on the Howard Luke Campus at 601 Loftus Road here in Fairbanks. May 24, 2011, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District approved the school name change to Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School (EKECCS) because of the early college program initiated here and its mission of preparing students for higher education and graduating from high school with a life plan in place.

The mission of EKECCS is to provide educational opportunities for student to succeed in the world by developing a strong sense of purpose, identity, place, and community through cultural and academic empowerment. The philosophy of EKECCS is that, for students to achieve the educational goals, learning must connect or resonate with them. EKECCS strives to relate curriculum, teaching methods and the whole school experience to the homes and social communities of our students.

This free public school is designed for all students in grades 7-12 who are looking for a small school focusing on rigorous academics, individual learning styles, and lessons integrating both traditional and contemporary knowledge. EKECCS is not an alternative school. It is not a school just for Alaska Natives students. Any student who attends EKECCS has to make a "C" or higher in order to receive a passing grade in any class on their school transcript. Any grade below 70% is an "F". This is a significant difference from other schools in the district. Expectations are high. If students can't meet the expectations, they are transferred back to their home schools in the district. This year, we have had the lowest number of students transferring back to their home schools.

Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School serves students in junior high (grades 7 and 8) and high school (9-12). In 2005, the student body makeup was 97% Alaska Native. Over the years, the student population has become more diverse. Today, 18% are Caucasian, 7% African-American, 6% Hispanic, 57% Alaska Native/American Indian, 12% Multi-Ethnic. We celebrate all people and their respective cultures by providing a caring learning environment for all students, parents and staff.

EKECCS provides students the opportunity to learn about, and learn within, all cultures. Not only are the Alaska Native cultures taught, but our students also teach us about their own culture. Classes include both traditional and contemporary knowledge. A science lesson on local plants includes traditional medicinal uses of the plants and scientific lab experiments to visualize the components of the plants and their traditional medicinal uses. The elders teach the Native ways of knowing traditional knowledge and the science teacher engages students in the modern day western knowledge spectrum. Students learn to respect and value both learning systems because it is relevant to their current environment and life-styles.

The learning styles method is used at different levels throughout the school. Students are assessed as to how they learn best: do they respond to visual, auditory or tactile lessons, do they like to work independently in a quiet setting or do they like to listen to music

while working in a group? Students are encouraged to recognize and use their most effective learning style whenever possible, and to adapt to other less favorite methods when necessary.

EKCS has one principal, ten certified teachers – four who teach junior high; five who teach high school classes; one full-time special education teacher, one special education classroom aide, two office staff, and one day custodian. The early college coordinator is fully funded by the Interior-Aleutians Campus, University of Alaska. We have two full-time tutors are funded by the Johnson O'Malley program with the Fairbanks Native Association, offering tutoring services for our students.

Breakfast and lunch is served at the school. An average of 69% of our students receive free and reduced lunch. Transportation is available provided by the school district on all days that the rest of the district schools are in session. First Student picks up students at North Pole (Westcott Pool and McPeak's Store) and Fairbanks middle schools (Tanana, Ryan, and Randy Smith) to bring out to EKECCS before the start of school at 9:50 am for high school and 10:00 am for junior high. Our school day ends at 3:38 on regular days. If we have early out days, students are sent home at 2:10 pm.

This report is written to explain the programs and activities that happen at Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School throughout the year. We have four school programs: junior high, high school, an early college program for high school students, and a summer school program. Other developing programs are Future Farmers of American (FFA), the Farm at EKECCS, and Farm to School. The sports program includes volleyball, varsity basketball and cross country running.

The 2014-2015 school calendar, list of EKCS Board, and staff are attached along with board minutes for the year.

Junior High School (Seventh and Eighth Graders)

Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School Junior High students are taught in self-contained classrooms with one highly qualified teacher, using learning styles and a hands-on approach to education. The teachers use the local community as a classroom without walls. Below are some of the learning experiences the students have participated in throughout this year.

Farmer's Market 8/28/13

Middle school students walked or biked to the Farmer's Market and completed a math activity and interviewed farmers.

Fall Culture Camp Granite Tors Trail Campground 8/29-30/14

Middle school students and chaperones spent two days camping out and gathering plant samples, berries, fishing, cooking, listening to Elder stories, playing Native games, and taking nature hikes.

Rachel's Challenge Presentation 9/12/13

Eighth grade students went to this nationally acclaimed anti-bullying presentation at the Hering Auditorium.

Trash as Art Recyclable Project – all year

Through a grant from the National Park Service, the middle school students participated in an art project. They are in the process of completing a full size sculpture of a bear (black bear) made out of recycled materials (mostly Rockstar energy drink cans). The sculpture recently won the People's Choice Award at the UAF Juried Student Art Exhibition in April 2014. The sculpture will be displayed in the vicinity of Peirce Park. The students are working with local artists Craig and Mercedes. The Effie Rockstar Bear will be displayed at the Morris Thompson Cultural Center from May 2-19th and there will be an unveiling of the sculpture at the school on May 20th @ 10:30 am.

Storytelling project with Zac and Klara – 9/23-10/17/13

The eighth grade students worked with an artist to represent storytelling in the altered book form. Students took books and reworked them to express their individual ideas by painting books and cutting out a hole in the middle in which to place an artifact.

Howard Luke's Birthday Party 10/11/13

All the students at EKECCS participated in the setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up for the annual birthday celebration for our Elder Howard Luke. This year a record number of guests came to our school to help Howard celebrate his 90th birthday.

AFN participation/made desserts/served at the potlatch 10/23-25/14

All of the students at EKECCS volunteered to make desserts for the AFN potlatch. They made hundreds of desserts and also served at the potlatch.

Fiddler's Festival/made soup 11/7/13

The eighth grade students made moose soup for the Fiddler's. They also attended and danced with Elders. Each student had a dance card and to earn points for this assignment they danced with at least ten Elders. This activity is an excellent example of how our students are following the cultural value of Respect for Elders.

7th Grade Regalia parade 12/19/13

The seventh grade students made regalia from their ethnic heritage and participated in a regalia parade. They wrote an introduction card about themselves and their regalia and then presented their creations to an audience of family, friends and students.

8th Grade Christmas play 12/19/13

The eighth grade students wrote, produced and acted in the annual 8th grade Christmas play. The play is required to have elements of Christmas and incorporate the cultural values we discuss in our classroom.

Morris Thompson Center/Denakkanaaga/Library visit 2/6/14

The eighth grade students made their annual visit to the Morris Thompson Center and the Noel Wien Library. The tour through the MTC museum is always a wonderful way to connect students with their culture. They always take delight when they recognize the name of a relative that has donated an item to the museum. The main purpose of the library trip is to make sure that each student learns how to use the library for research and to have an undated library card.

Spring Culture Camp at Gaalee'Yaa Camp 2/20-2/21/14

This is the highlight of the eighth grade year, a night or two camping out at Howard Luke's home on the Tanana River. The students have two full days of science oriented activities and use this time to get ideas for their Cultural Science Fair entries. They also have the opportunity to spend time with Elders, do chores for Howard and to spend time outdoors.

Cultural Science Fair 2/27/14

All middle school students are required to enter a project into the science fair. Each entry must have a cultural component and every year our school sends students to the Interior Science Fair.

Ice Park Excursion 3/5/14

The middle school students walk to the Ice Park every year to check out the amazing ice carving entries. This is a great time to get outside together and have a little fun.

Hokkaido University visitors/practice tea race 3/6/14

This is the third year that we have hosted Hokkaido University education students at our school. They bring with them wonderful classroom activities and Japanese traditional dance presentations. This year we invited the education students to help us practice for our Annual Tea Race. The Japanese students formed a team and participated in a snowshoe and tea-making race. For the first time on snowshoes, making a fire and brewing tea outside, they did a fabulous job. They did have the benefit of a professor who happened to have published a book on Japanese traditional methods of fire starting.

Annual Tea Race 3/14/14

This has become an Effie tradition to mark the beginning of spring. This year was the second time that Effie hosted the other middle school charter schools, Chinook and Watershed. The middle school trophy went to Watershed last year and they took it home again this year. What a wonderful time was had spending time with our charter school peers. It was a great opportunity to share our cultural tradition and to make new connections.

Arctic Winter Games Potlatch 3/19/14

Effie students and staff spent days preparing food for the AWG potlatch that was held at our school. Students volunteered to serve food at the potlatch. It was a wonderful opportunity to host a multicultural event at our school.

Middle School Math Path to Success – Fridays 3rd quarter

In an effort to improve the math skills of our students the teachers presented review lessons for students on Fridays. Each teacher chose an area of math, such as computation, numeration, measurement, etc. and prepared an experiential math lesson. Students were given the choice of classrooms to visit during Friday math times. They looked forward to Friday math and really enjoyed the opportunity to move throughout the middle classrooms for fun math games.

Denakkanaaga Elder Lunch 4/25/13

It has been a goal of Effie and Denakkanaaga to alternate lunch dates with Elders and students. Elders came to lunch during the Cultural Science Fair and students attended lunch at Denakkanaaga in the Morris Thompson Cultural Center.

4-H Mushing Club April 2014

The seventh grade classes participated in 4-H Mushing Club and had the opportunity to mush with an Iditarod musher. They learned the finer points of dog racing in addition to learning how to train and care for the dogs. The students volunteered at the Jr. North American dog races March 9, 2014. This is the second year of the dog mushing program. Eighth graders who went through the program the previous year, were eligible to apply to be assistant helper to the dog mushers and assist with the new students - a great opportunity for the students to practice what they learned. There is a high interest in this program in the Junior High.

Hunter's Education April 2014

The seventh grade classes participated in Hunter's Education during the month of April. Each student who passed the class will receive a Basic Hunter Education certificate.

Junior High Integrated Modules and Final Projects

Throughout the year, instruction is organized around six-week themes that integrate across the curriculum.

- **Subsistence/Health/Wellness** – Subsistence Animal Project, Medicinal Plants, Native Foods Pyramid (Cultural Values taught: sharing, providing for family, compassion, love, and dignity)
- **Family/Tribe/Community** – AFN attendance/serving at the potlatch (Cultural Values: Respect for Elders, love for children, responsibility, and unity)
- **Language/Cultural Expression** – Regalia Parade, Family history mobiles, Christmas play (Cultural Values: Knowledge of language, wisdom, and spirituality)
- **Energy/Ecology/Technology** – Cultural Science Fair (Cultural Values: Respect for nature, hard work, and self-sufficiency)
- **Living in Place/Survival** – Hunter's Education Course, 4-H Mushing Program, Living in Place research project/paper (Cultural Values: Honoring our ancestors, honesty, humility, and humor)
- **Think Globally/Act Locally** – South America and Africa Projects, Service learning/volunteer activities, U.S. History CAP (Cultural Values: Respect for others and peace)

2013/2014 High School Highlights

The high school at EKECCS was marked this year by an increased focus on academic achievement in the classroom, a broadening of partnerships with parents and the ongoing support of rich opportunities for student learning beyond the classroom walls in the greater Fairbanks community.

At EKECCS, we believe that school traditions reflect our vision of learning as something that should be valued and celebrated publicly. This year we began hosting quarterly honor roll assemblies followed by an honor roll breakfast for families. Two of our students were accepted into the highly competitive Rural Alaska Honors Institute

Research Academy. We saw an increase in students eligible for the Alaska Performance Scholarship. Elective offerings expanded with the addition of Photoshop and Field Ecology classes. The high school continued to prioritize the offering of three different AK Native Language classes (Inupiaq, Gwich'in, and Koyukon) through a partnership with the Alaska Native Language Center and community elders.

One of our greatest strengths is the close relationship that we are able to develop with families. Using an Advisory structure, we communicated on a weekly basis with parents through required grade checks and informal contact. This resulted in our highest rates of attendance to date at Parent/Teacher/Portfolio conferences. The high school team continues to expand and modify our interventions for students experiencing low academic achievement. After school study hall was held four days a week and Saturday school took place consistently throughout the second semester.

High School students were directly involved in hosting and participating in a series of important community events. Howard Luke celebrated his 90th birthday with a potlatch event planned and hosted entirely by Effie students. The return of the Alaska Federation of Natives Annual Convention to Fairbanks created the opportunity for students to serve the thousands of guests at the Welcoming Potlatch at the Big Dipper. Over spring break, students welcomed Arctic Winter Games athletes to the school for a celebration of Native foods and cultures. During 4th Quarter, advisory classes focused on projects that brought student learning out into the Fairbanks community. Eleventh graders set up Job Shadows after completing Career Interest Inventories using the Alaska Career Information System. Ninth and tenth graders planned and recorded interviews with community members as part of our annual Oral History Project.

The overall success of the 2013/2014 school year was exemplified by the lowest transience rate in the high school (student withdrawals) in the past five years and steady demand to join our school community (our waiting list grew throughout the year averaging more than ten students throughout spring semester).

Early College

Motto: *Encourage. Engage. Empower. Early College.*

In January 2007, Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School (EKECCS) partnered with Alaska Native Association, Antioch's Center for Native Education and Interior Aleutians campus and worked together under the Bill and Melinda Gate's Foundation grant to bring dual credit college courses to first generation college students and underserved students who may not have considered college in their future. Since that first year of offering random college courses, the Early College Program at EKECCS now has a set program of courses that is offered each year. This course program begins with English starting in the summer after the grade 10 and spirals up through the fall of their senior year ending with English 213, Writing for the Social and Natural Sciences. Math begins in the fall with Math 106 and concludes with Calculus 200.

The Early College Program offers up to 61 college credits for its students. The courses beyond math and English include: DEVS 110, College and Career Readiness, Inupiaq, Communications in the Public Context (Comm. 141x) Chemistry and Society, Chemistry 100, and Chemistry 103, Introduction to Wildland fire (Fire 151 x, and 152), beginning in Fall 2014 Ethnobotany, and in Summer 2015 Biology 104(Natural History of Alaska). The program offers the core classes needed for students in their first year of college. The college classes average 9 students per class. The smallest class is Inupiaq and our largest classes are Communications and College and Career Readiness, both averaging 16 students per class. In the graphs that follow (table 1 and 2) the number of students not completing courses was high and now we are starting to move towards 100 % completion. The number of students does fluctuate each year due to instructor availability. However, over the past year and a half, the instructor and department commitment are steady.

Preparing for college:

Each year Early College hosts a parent information night for both for middle and high school families. Our parents are encouraged to work closely with the Early College Coordinator to develop a plan and timeline for their child on the journey through high school and on to college or a career and technical program. The Early College Office provides Alaska Performance Scholarships, college information, and post-secondary options to all students. The common goal for both Early College, middle and high school advisors is stressing to students and their families the importance of staying on track. The program is growing each year and EKECCS has a strong partnership with Interior Aleutians Campus and College of Rural Community Development, CRCDC, the Communications Department at UAF, Alaska Satellite Facility and NASA, who sponsored our college chemistry courses and now supports the EKECCS Robotics program. Starting in fall 2014, Dr. Duffy, from the UAF Chemistry Department will begin teaching chemistry for the Early College Program.

Early College: Career Development Outreach:

New this spring is the numerous internship opportunities for the EKECCS students through our newest and most active partner, National Park Service (Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. The professionals at NPS are excited to work with our students and teachers throughout the year. Last summer we had one student attend the Small Mammals Monitoring study in Denali National Park for a week of data collection with Biologist Melanie Flamme and a group of other students from the greater Fairbanks area.

During summer 2014, two students will be working for NPS at the Museum of the North under the direction of Link Olsen. The other projects Effie Students are engaged in with National Park Service include the Yellow Billed Loon Videography Project and the Sheep Skeleton Project, both happening later in July.

This year, the Early College Coordinator was asked to give a talk at the National Park Service, Brown Bag series to introduce our program and welcome them as our neighbor. In return Earl College arranged and hosted two Brown Bag sessions for students to attend

a 20-minute meet and greet with NPS and the UAF Ethnobotanist. These sessions were well attended for the first attempt.

On Friday May 2, students will attend the NPS Career open house to talk to scientists about careers at National Park Service.

School wide Community Service: Peirce Park Project and Transforming Dead man Slough:

Vision: The Peirce Park Living Lab Project: where community stewardship and science education meet.

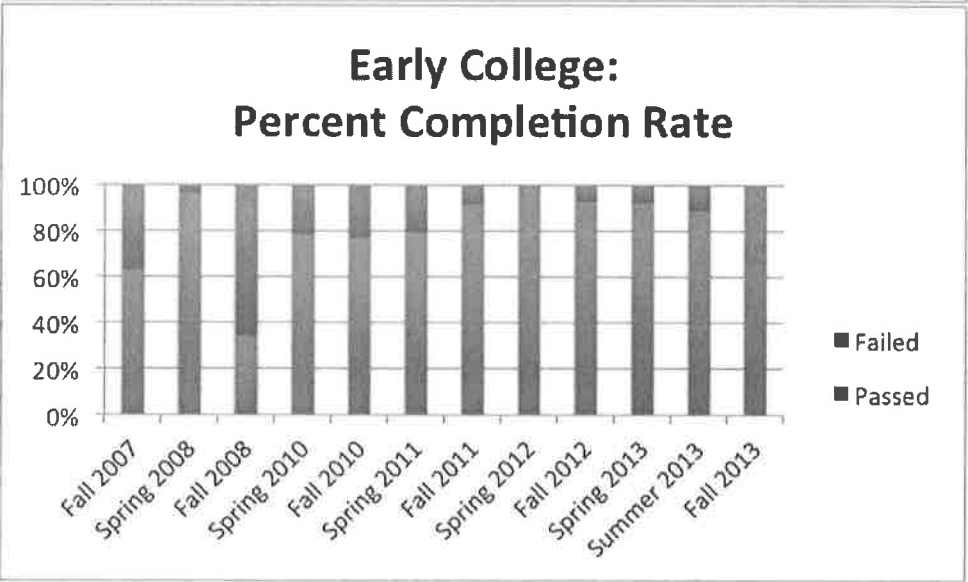
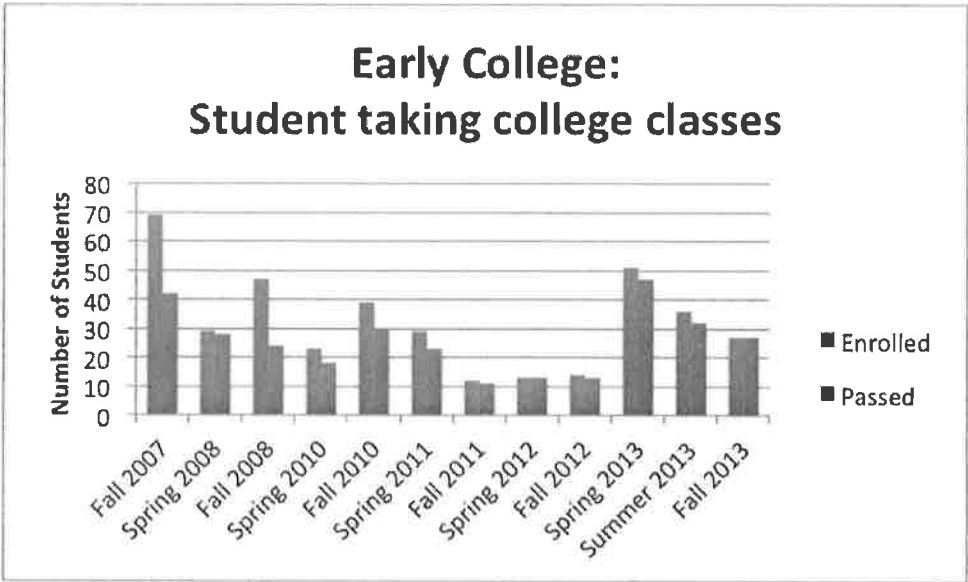
The Peirce Park Project stemmed from a concerned citizen who attended a staff meeting in the fall of 2012. In spring 2013, EKECCS attended a meeting with the Tanana Valley Watershed Association that opened the door for our school to develop the partners to begin this community wide effort. Today the Peirce Park Project is moving forward and EKECCS students are working with Landscape Architects from Bettisworth North on landscape design process and preparing for the community meeting in mid-May. Educational opportunities are planned for EKECCS students to participate in dual credit college courses throughout the development process to assist with baseline botanical and Natural Resource data, surveying workshop for our math students, an Introduction to Engineering for bridge building and One Tree to facilitate total use of all trees in the park, these are a few of the planned programs to engage students in park. The end goal is a safe place for our classes, local schools, families and greater community to enjoy this small park and participate in citizen science.

Slough Awareness through art and Transforming Deadman Slough were projects our middle school students worked on this past fall with four local artists on two major projects: the Trash to Art project and the Slough Awareness project. The Trash to Art is a community art project that our middle school created with the help of local artists Craig Cheledinas, Mercedes Culliton and Loretta Brown from the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. The students worked with Loretta to learn about how trash and recyclables can be transformed as well as the importance of recycling and refuse. Students had collected recyclables and neighboring Mocha Dan's coffee stand saved milk jugs and cans for the project. Students voted to create a black bear that will be placed in Peirce Park as a reminder to care for public places and wildlife habitat. This bear is made from repurposed aluminum Rock Star cans and was part of this year's Sustainable Art Show at UAF and will be on display May 2nd at the Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center. The Second project was completed in late November with Klara Meish and Zac Myers from One Tree. Students collected traditional plants from Peirce Park and the riparian zone to create altered books and use mixed media for expression of science through art, give a voice to place and found new ways to tell a story. These projects would not have been possible without the microgrant support from Alaska Geographic and the National Park Service's Murie Science Center.

The Peirce Park Project has brought local agencies to our table that supports our efforts in teaching natural resource conservation, career development and enhancing professional

relationships through summer and year-round interaction with agency scientists. Our supporters are: National park Service and their Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, Bureau of Land Management, U.S Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks and Recreation Department, Tanana Valley Watershed Association, One Tree Alaska, University of Alaska Fairbanks, , Murie Science and Learning Center, Alaska Geographic, Fairbanks Public Lands Information Center, Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School, Mocha Dan's, Bettisworth North Architecture and Planning and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies.

Included are two graphs that show percentages of completion of college classes over the years.



Effie Kokrine FFA

Active enrollment in Effie Kokrine Future Farmers of American (FFA) nearly doubled from last year, with a total of seventeen dues-paying members.

Effie Kokrine FFA hosted a series of fundraisers. “The Great Alaskan Cooking Show” was a Pampered Chef party where students learned how to cook Alaskan foods with Pampered Chef products. Students catered the Athabaskan Fiddle Festival at the David Salmon Tribal Hall. A spaghetti feed in February was attended by Representative Scott Kawasaki. Overall, the students raised enough money to buy each FFA member an official dress jacket and send 13 students to FFA State Convention in April.

During National FFA Week, students focused on the part of the FFA motto that says “Living to Serve”. Students worked at the Fairbanks Community Food Bank bagging over 300 pounds of rice, flour, and sugar. We hosted a movie night at the Fairbanks Rescue Mission, for which we popped 150 bags of popcorn. On Friday, students served breakfast at Stone Soup Café. During the week, students sewed and knitted infant hats to donate to Fairbanks Memorial Hospital.

The theme of this year’s FFA State Convention was “Ignite”. It was hosted at Pike’s Hotel here in Fairbanks. Effie Kokrine FFA won first place individual in Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Farm Business Management, Creed Speaking, and Veterinary Science. The team from Effie Kokrine FFA came in second place overall in Veterinary Science. In between competitions in Career Development Events (CDEs), students attended leadership workshops lead by guests, including Brian Walsh, the FFA National President. Ronin Ruerup was elected Vice President of the State Association and Sam Unruh was elected Reporter of the State Association.

Next year, we hope to secure Perkins funding to hire a full-time agriculture instructor to lead the FFA as well as manage The Farm at EKECCS. The agriculture instructor can teach a junior high Agricultural Science class as well as high school classes such as Food Science, Fiber Arts, and Experimental Horticulture.

The Farm at EKECCS

The Farm at EKECCS moved to a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) model. CSA members pay an amount of money up front in order to receive a box of vegetables every week for the summer. We began the process of building a new fence and invested in a drip irrigation system that will make watering easier. The adoption of four angora rabbits from Kodiak FFA has been a learning experience—the fiber harvested will be sent to a mill and sold as a fundraiser for FFA. Additionally in 2014, The Farm purchased four chickens to keep as laying hens.

The Farm at EKECCS has potential to become a major fundraiser for the school with the current demand for naturally and locally grown produce as high as it is. By investing in infrastructure to house laying hens (the current price for chicken eggs is \$4.00 a dozen;

duck eggs can fetch as much as \$5.00 a dozen) as well as diversifying to house milk goats (with Certified Food Protection Manager in house, milk can be pasteurized and sold), the Farm can become a one-stop shop for locally grown food.

Farm to School

This year, The Farm at EKECCS is going to preserve the harvest to be served from our school cafeteria. We will begin by integrating Effie grown vegetables into existing menus but hope to develop new menu items that center on food that is in season in Alaska. By investing in training an employee to become a Certified Food Protection Manager, The Farm at EKECCS can produce DEC-certified vegetables. These vegetables can be sold in their processed forms to local restaurants as well as being served through FNSBSD Nutrition Services.

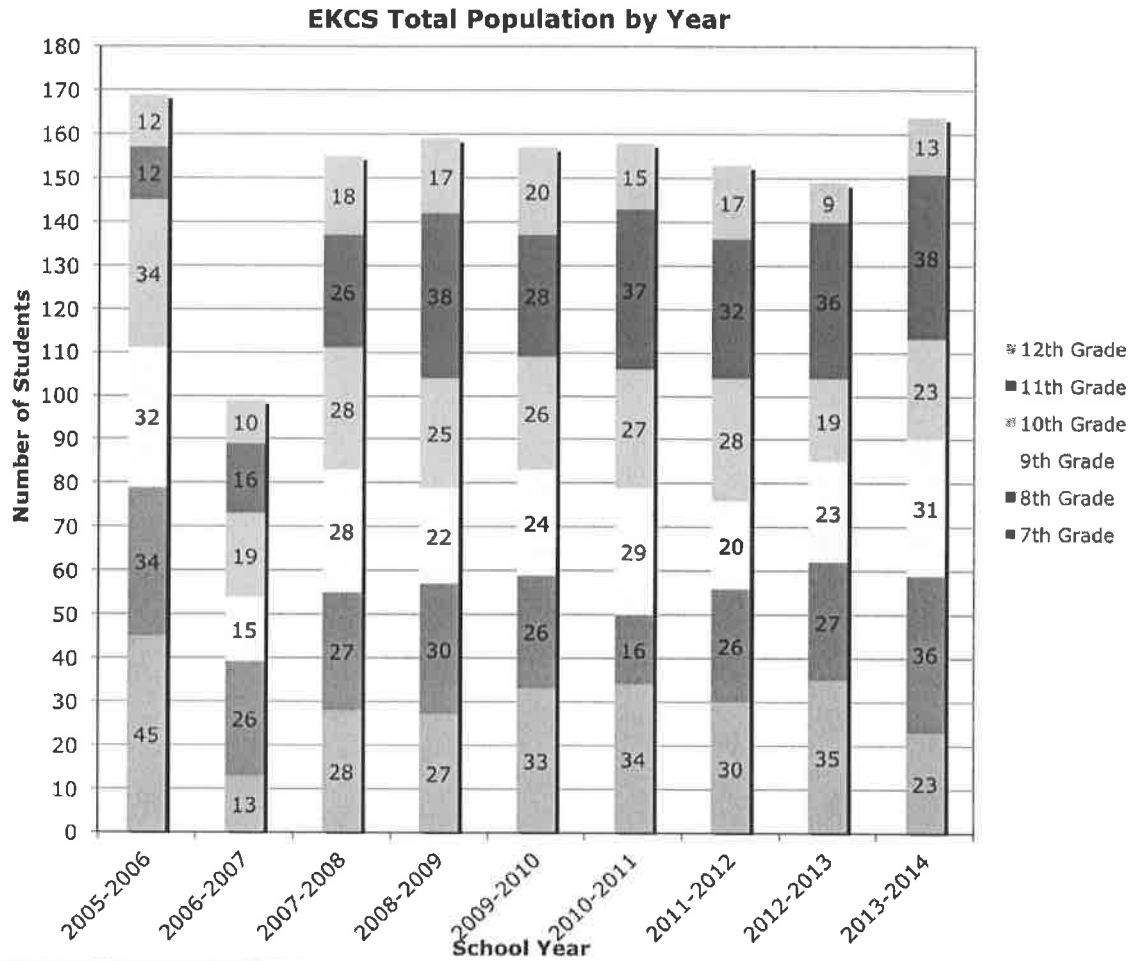
Summer School

For the past three years, Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School has been hosting a summer school program, two four-week sessions, one in June and the other, in July. Utilizing the garden, integrating reading, math, and science, middle school students learn about gardening and agriculture, spending most of the time outdoors, planting, cultivating and harvesting vegetables and preparing them for market. High school students can earn a .5 credit in natural science and .5 credit in an English elective. This year, we will have two classes, one science elective and math for high school students.

This year, new to the summer school program, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) has a National Science Foundation grant, and has partnered Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School to offer to next-year's Juniors and Seniors an archaeological dig run by Bob Sattler and Tom Gillespie, the full-time archaeologists at TCC. It's up on the Yukon River near Eagle at Calico Bluff. We can take up to eight-ten students and they can earn a .5 credit of English and .5 credit of Social Studies. Dates for the camp are June 6 – June 25, 2014. Activities include outside work, building atlats, learning to flint-knapp, and doing a full-on, trowels & brushes, including computers archaeological dig. Students will read, write and produce stories for a local radio station. A great summer activity and work experience!

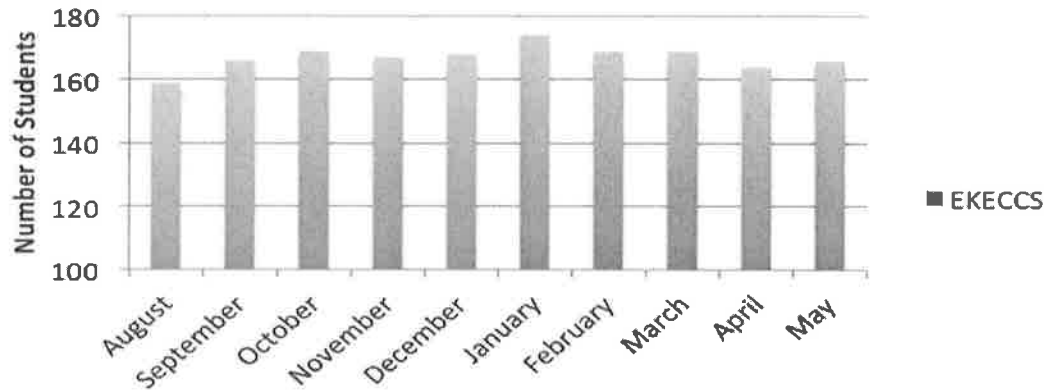
Trends and Academics

This section will show graphs depicting the student population, retention, and academics.

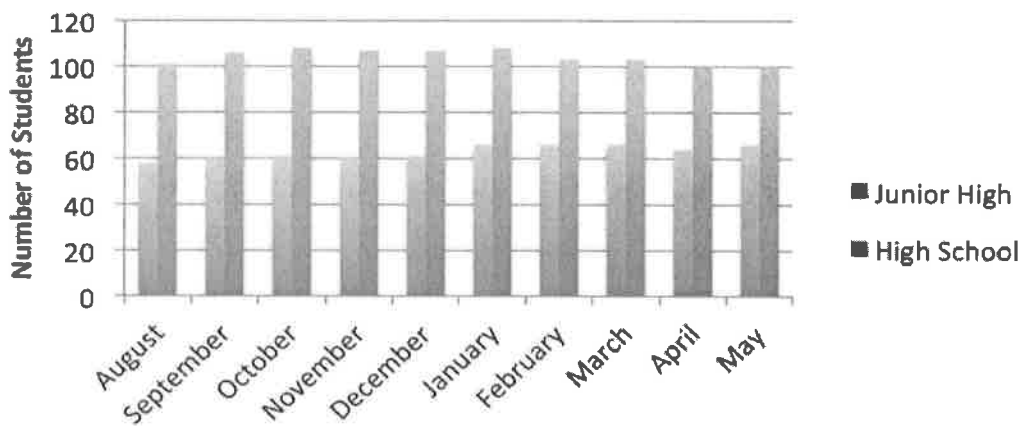


This graph shows our student population by grades from 2005-2006 school year through 2013-14. It shows how many students by grade level from 7th grade through high school. This shows that our student population is increasing. A positive trend. The school's mission and vision continues to grow throughout the community of Fairbanks and Interior Alaska.

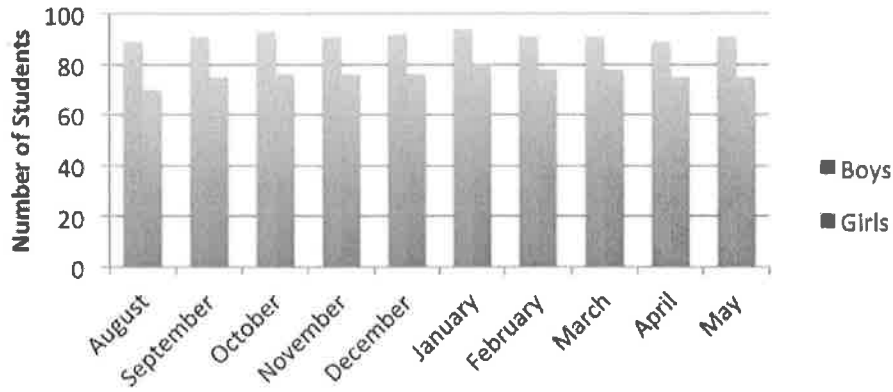
Student Population 2013-2014: Total Population



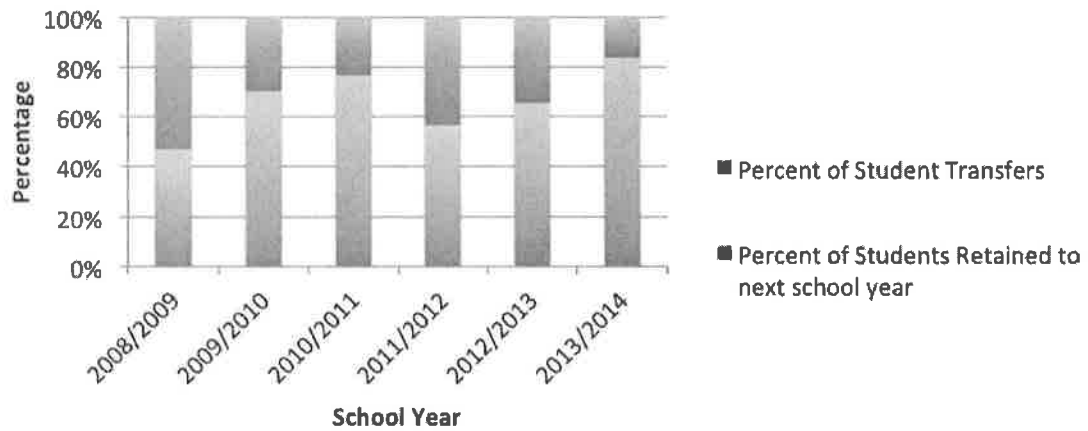
Student Population 2013-2014: By School



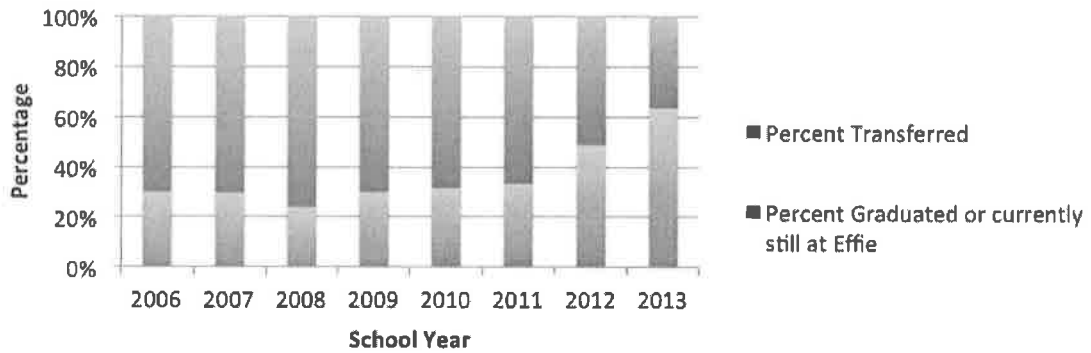
Student Population 2013-2014: By Gender



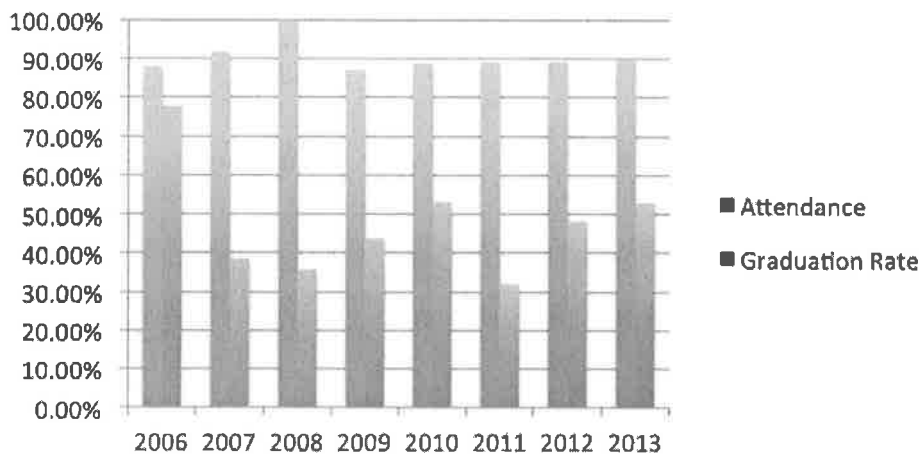
EKECCS High School Student Retention

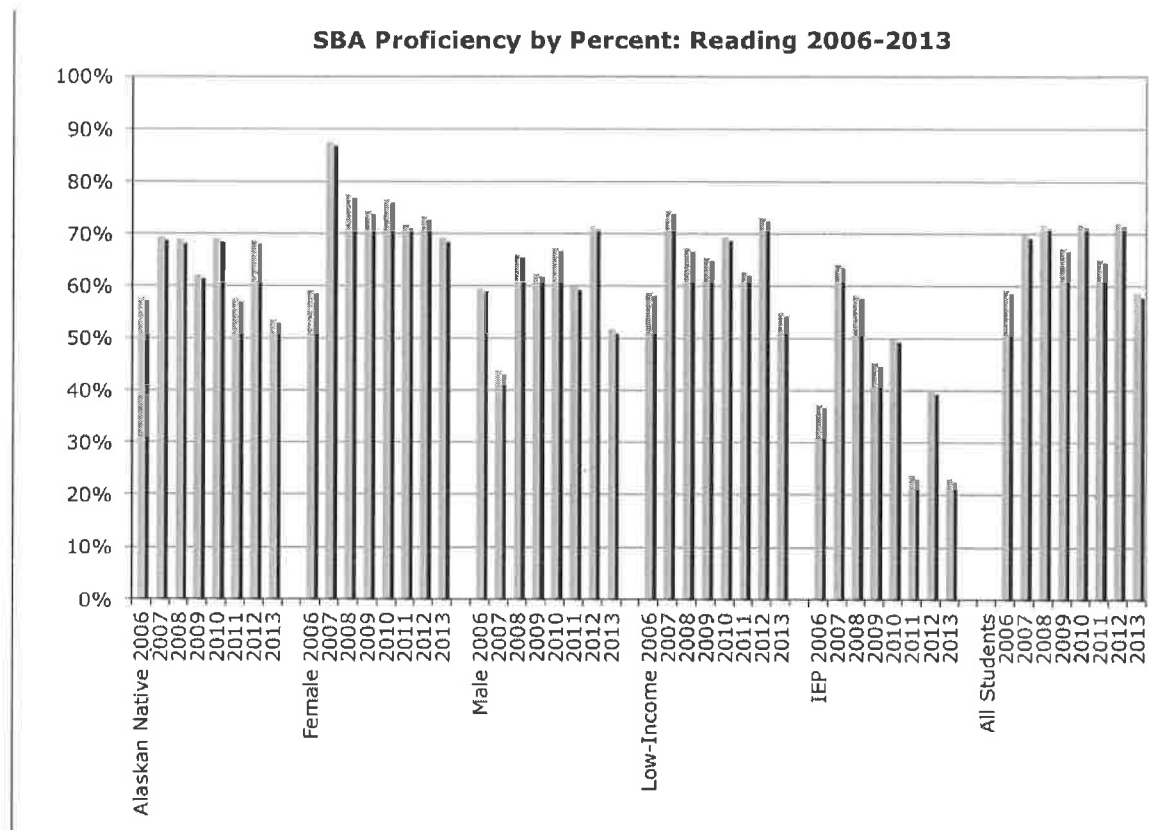


EKECCS Student Retention: 7 - 10th grade population

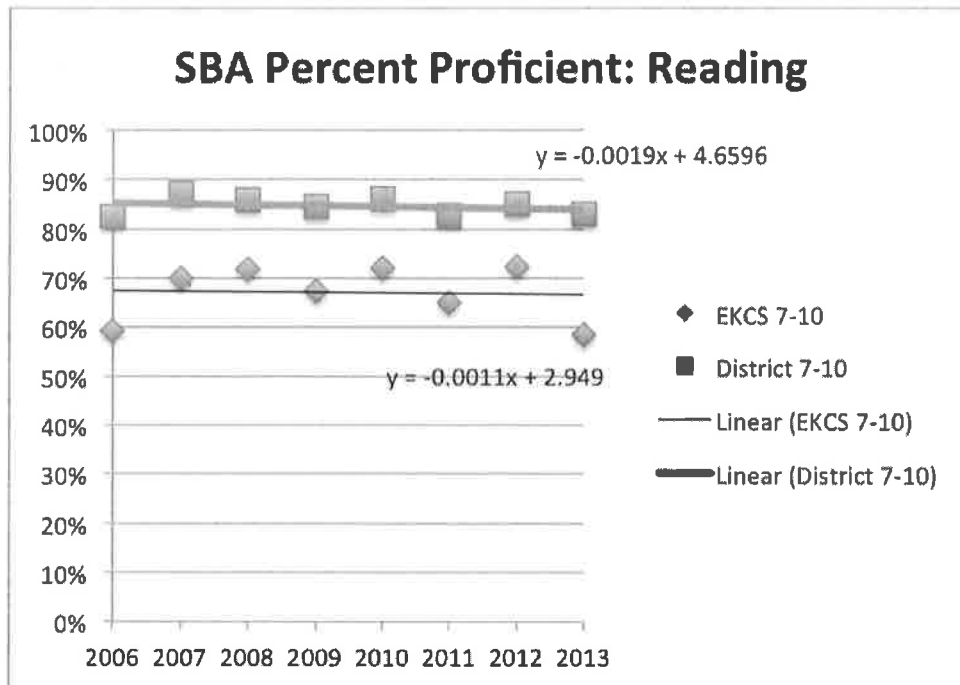


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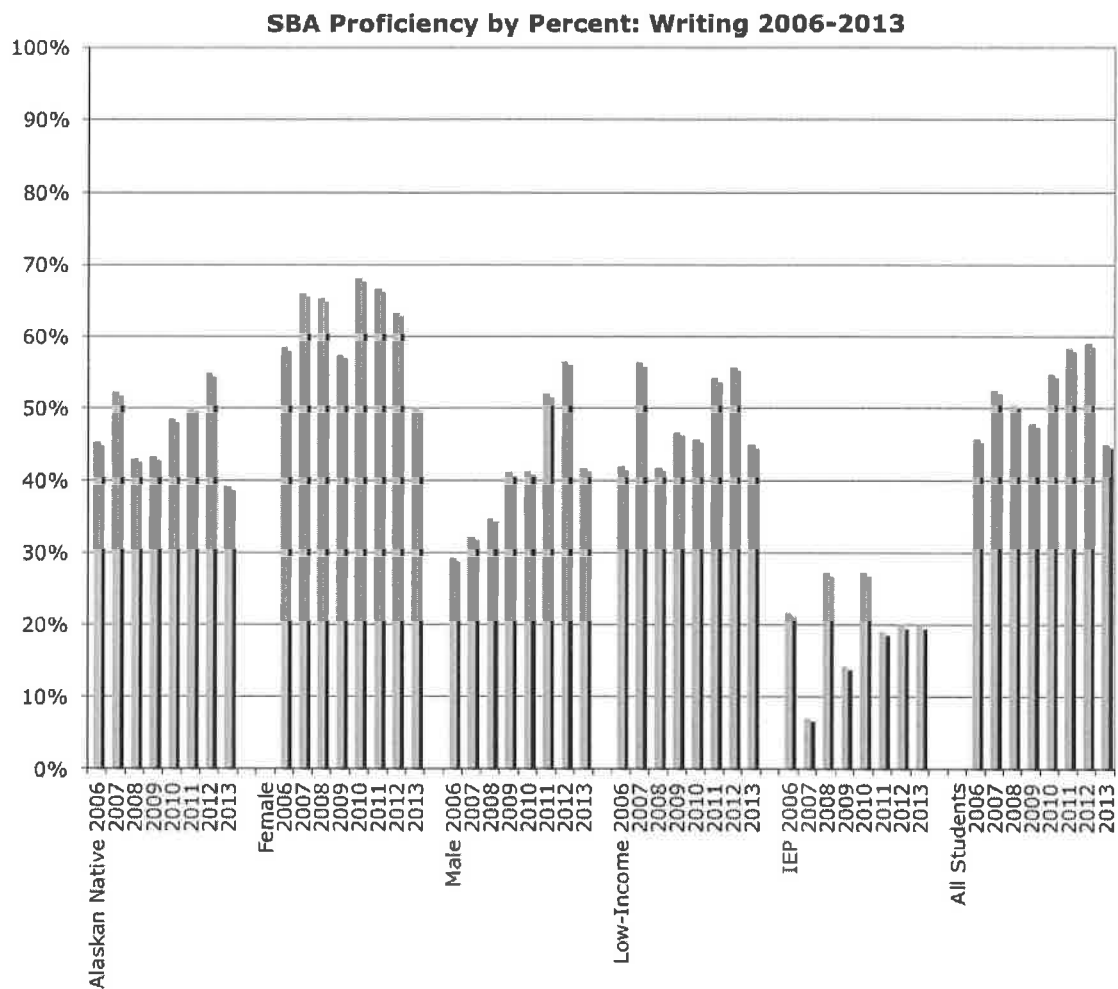




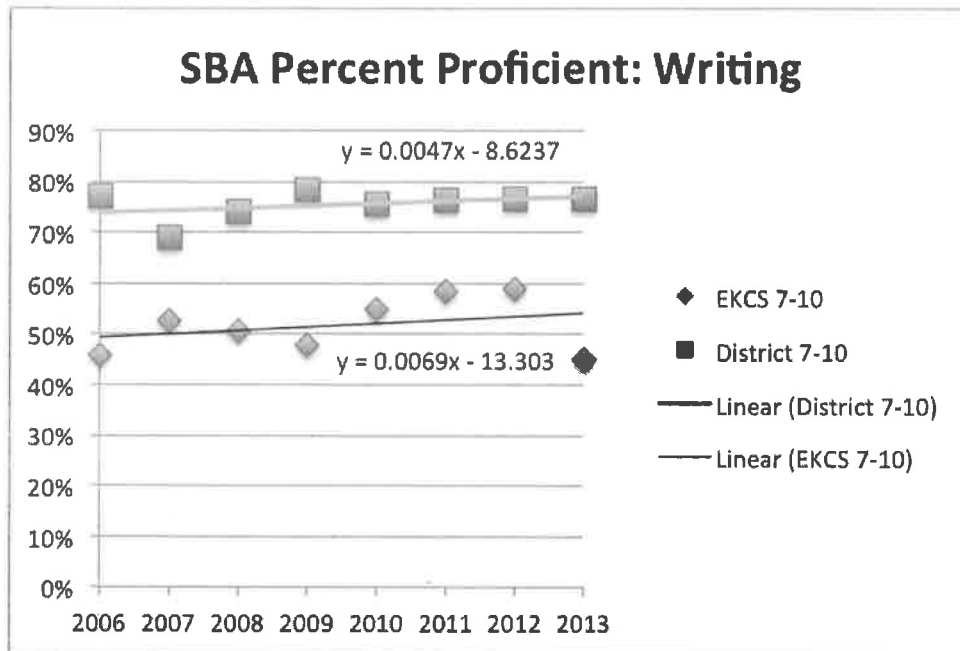
This graph shows the proficiency percentages for reading, from 2005 to 2013 utilizing the sub-groups of Alaska Native, female students, male students, low income, and all students taking the SBA in the spring.



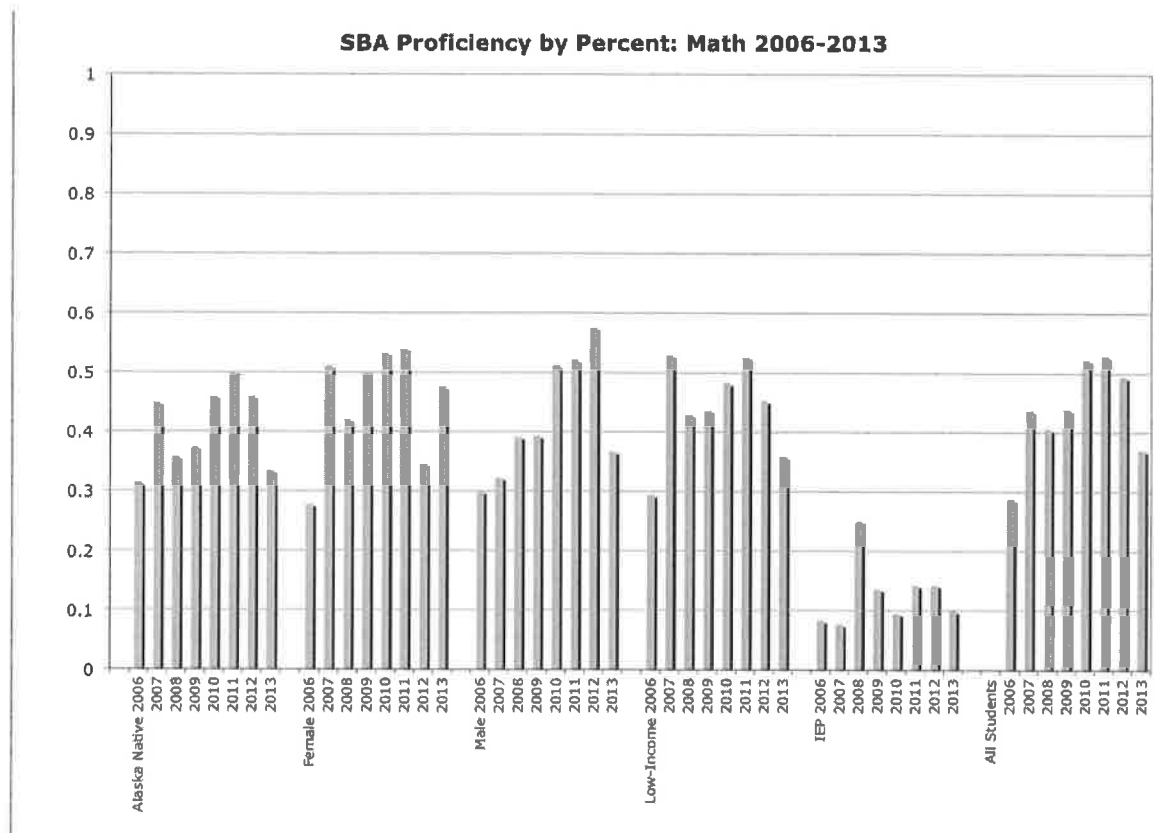
This scatter graph shows both Effie and district reading scores for 7th-12th grade during the years 2005 through 2013.



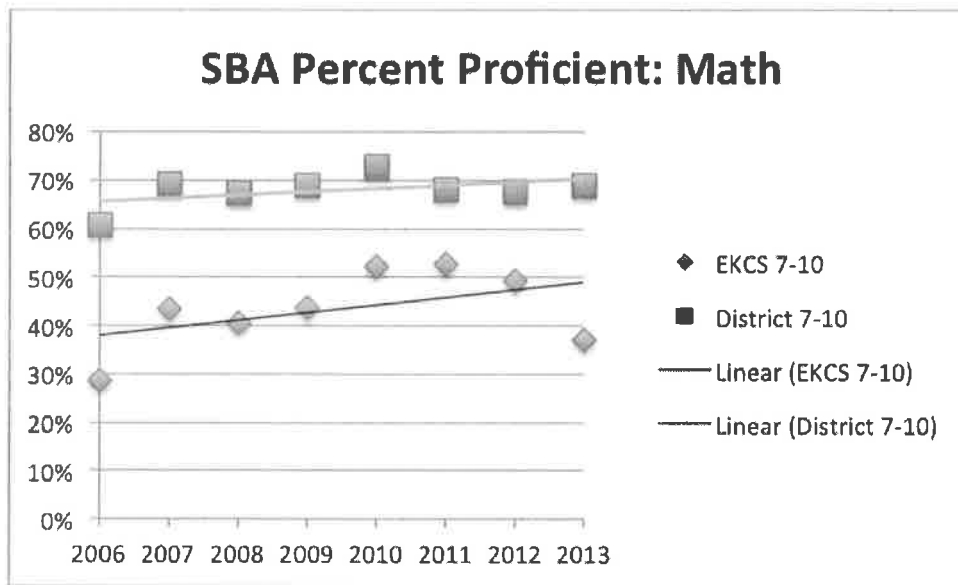
Writing SBA scores over the past eight years in the subgroups of Alaska Native, female and male students, low income and all students.



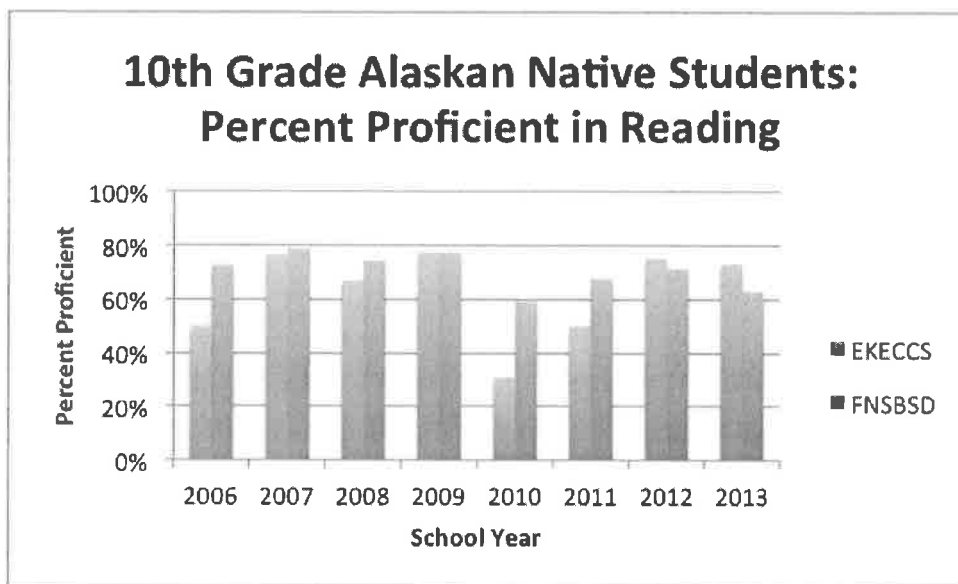
This scatter graph shows district and Effie writing scores over the same time periods. While the Effie student scores go up and down, there is still a gradual increase in proficient rate over the years.



This graph shows the math SBA scores over the years in the sub-groups of Alaska Native, female and male, low income, and all students.

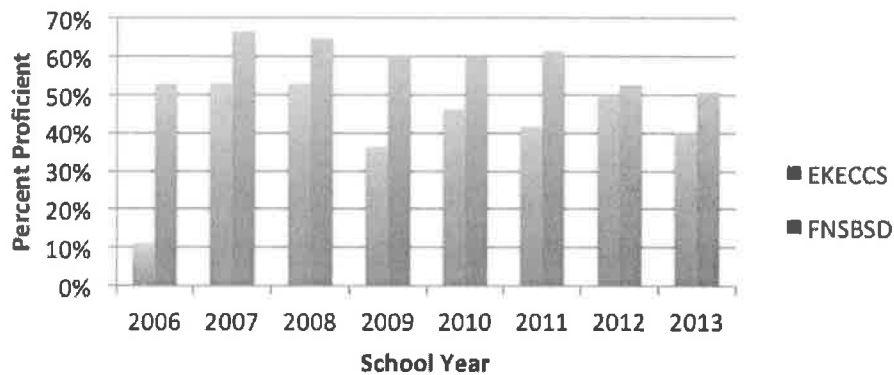


This scatter graph shows the SBA proficiency math percentages for district and Effie students over a eight year period.

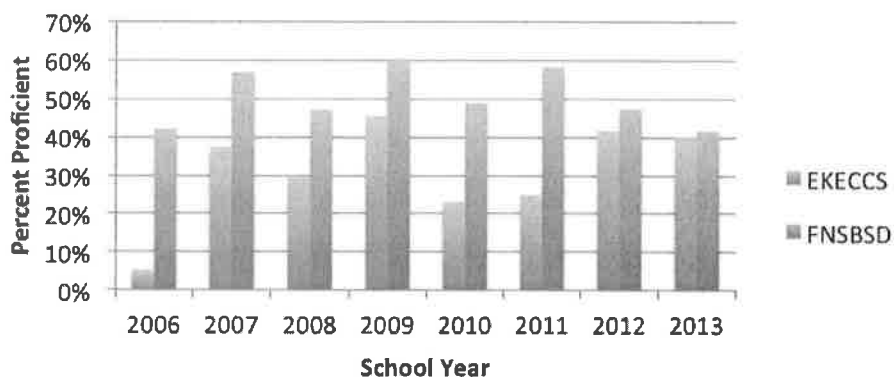


This graph is comparing district Alaska Native students and EKECCS students in 10th grade only using the SBA data over the years in the area of reading.

10th Grade Alaskan Native Students: Percent Proficient in Writing



10th Grade Alaskan Native Students: Percent Proficient in Math



Here again, comparing Alaska Native students in 10th grade in writing and math.

School Improvement Goals

In 2012-13, Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School received accreditation status through 2016 by meeting the requirements established by the AdvanceED Accreditation Commission and Board of Trustees, Northwest Accreditation Commission.

As a part of this process, a school improvement plan was developed and adopted by the staff, using the Alaska STEPP program. Listed are the goals for Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School that we are working on for academic improvement.

1. Improve our communications with our families
2. Improve academic plans for individual incoming middle school and freshman students.
3. Return to summer program that provide academic and non-academic experiences.
4. Provide pertinent Professional Development for teachers.
5. Increase our service learning component

As you can see, by the programs and activities Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School is participating in, the staff are diligently working toward improving the academic success of our students and have implemented strategies to meet our goals. By fall of 2014, the statewide testing results will be in and the staff will see where we stand and make plans to continue to improve the educational programs of the school.

Parent and Community Involvement

Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School (EKECCS) does have involved parents, i.e., chaperoning for field trips, snack donations, cooking food for our many gatherings, hosting activities at the school, senior graduation advisor, fundraising, seeking monetary donations from the community, etc. The sports program has several parent volunteers who help organize the games, fundraise, and seeking donations to assist with travel expenses for volleyball, basketball, and Native Youth Olympics (NYO). We are so fortunate to have many community volunteers who assist with several school activities like the annual science fair, potluck dinners, elder presentations, leadership building presentations, dog mushing, 4-H activities, etc.

As a charter school we do understand parent involvement is a critical component of the educational program.

The EKECCS community continues to grow. Community and parent involvement is vital to our educational program here at EKECCS. We have participated in many events throughout the school year that build partnerships to benefit the students here at EKCS:

August Open House

May Open House

Ice Cream Social

September Holly Harvest Celebration

Birthday Party for Howard Luke

7th Grade Regalia Parade and 8th grade play written by the students

Hosted educational groups from UAF to visit EKECCS from Japan

Participated in the TCC Interior Education Summit sponsored by TCC

Sponsored the Thanksgiving Native Basketball Tournament

Robotics Competition at UAF

Native Youth Olympics with a team of 5 students from EKCS, Ryan, West Valley and Lathrop, and Randy Smith

TCC Annual Convention
 Participated in students visits to UAF, sponsored by the RSS program
 Sports Program, games here at the school basketball and volleyball
 School Picnic
 TVC, UAF-IAC, UAF for tech prep and college courses
 UAF School of Education, mentoring new teachers
 Future Farmers of America, EKECCS local chapter
 Doyon Foundation, scholarships for students to take college courses
 Doyon Limited
 TCC Language and Culture Program
 Alaska Native Language Center
 Annual Athabascan Fiddle Festival
 Young Athabascan Fiddlers
 Festival of Native Arts
 Respected Elders to share indigenous knowledge with staff and students
 Fairbanks Native Association
 Interior Regional Housing Authority
 Gaalee' Camp
 National Park Service
 Tanana Valley Watershed
 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
 Tanana Chiefs Conference
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife
 Cold Spot Feeds
 Fairbanks Soil and Water Conservation
 Samson Hardware
 University of Alaska Fairbanks Interior Aleutians Campus
 UAF School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences

Conclusion

In reviewing the school year, we made some good changes that have affected student success –improving the integration of thinking and writing strategies in the classroom, setting specific goals in reading, writing and math, adopting a high school plan for improvement in attendance, implemented new integrated Native values and topics across the curriculum, three Alaska Native Language classes, developing meaningful and relevant classroom instruction, setting up a more structured advisory period for high school, continue striving to change the culture of EKECCS to develop a more rigorous and engaging educational program, and building a warm and caring atmosphere.

Overall, this was another great year for Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School. We have made some very good improvements and will continue to implement our vision, mission and goals. The APC and staff are working through the charter revision process and will have a revised charter before the board by November 2014.

Changes

The APC voted to change the principal administrator to a head-teacher model at their April 2014 meeting. The next administrator will be paid as a head-teacher and be in the Fairbanks Education Association, at their regular teacher salary level, with a stipend of \$600 for each certified person supervised.

Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School

2014-2015 School Year

Adopted
April 1, 2014

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7,8,11 Professional Development Days**
13 First Day for Students
13-19 No Buses
September
1 Labor Day Holiday**
15-19 Fall Break**
29 Professional Development Day**
30 Testing
October
1,2 Testing
10 Howard Luke's Birthday Potlatch
17 End of Quarter*
27-28 Student led portfolios and Parent Teacher Conferences**

November
27-28 Thanksgiving Holiday
December
17-19 Last three days of Semester*
19 End of Semester*
22-Jan 3 Winter Break**
January
5 Teacher Work Day**
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
February
6 Professional Development Day**
16-17 Student-Led Portfolios and Parent Teacher Conferences**
26 Science Fair
March
13 End of Quarter*
13 Effie Kokrine Annual Snowshoe Race
16-20 Spring Break**
April
7-9 Testing
14 8th Grade Science Testing
May
5 Open House
12 School Picnic/General Membership Meeting
14 Graduation
18-20 Last three days of Semester*
20 End of School*
21 Professional Development Day**
22 Teacher Work Day**

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	Portfolio Conference*
	Professional Development Day**
	Professional Development Day*
	Teacher Work Day**
	Testing
	Vacation**
	Holiday**
	End of Quarter*

Effie Kokrine Early College Charter School
Board of Directors

The Effie Kokrine Charter School is autonomous from the School District, and as such, we have our own Governing Board that makes decisions regarding the calendar, school policies, and educational curriculum. The board meets once a month.

Seat A Elder Representative	3 Year Term 2011-2014		Victor Kennedy (907) 374-0610 hm (907) 590-9900 cell	
Seat B Parent Representative	3 Year Term 2012-2015	President	Beverly Kokrine (907) 479-2150 (home) (907) 460-1465 (cell)	
Seat C Teacher Representative	3 Year Term 2014-2014		Sheryl Meierotto (907) 378-1595 (cell) sheryl.meierotto@k12northstar.org	PO Box 16083 Fairbanks, AK 99716
Seat D Principal	3 Year Term 2011-2014		Linda M. Evans (907) 458-7506 (home) (907) 687-0135 (cell) linda.evans@k12northstar.org	P.O. Box 73431 Fairbanks, AK 99707
Seat E Parent Representative	3 Year Term 2013-2016		Debbie Kokrine (907) 488-1435 (home) (907) 322-8694 (cell)	P.O. Box 55922 North Pole, AK 99705
Seat F Teacher Representative	3 Year Term 2013-2016	Vice President	Eric Galloway (907) 841-6069 (cell) eric.galloway@k12northstar.org	PO Box 75753 Fairbanks, AK 99775
Seat G UAF Representative	3 Year Term 2013-2016	Secretary	Olga Skinner 474-5152 ojskinner@alaska.edu	PO Box 756320 Brooks 202 Fairbanks, AK 99775
Seat H FNA Representative	3 Year Term 2012-2015		Ray Dewilde (907) 488-1250 (home) rdewilde_5d@hotmail.com	P.O. Box 74482 Fairbanks, AK 99707
Seat I Classified Representative	3 Year Term 2013-2016	Treasurer		rhonda.frost-gillen@k12northstar.org 907) 488-0549

**Effie Kokrine Charter School, Inc.
Board (APC) Meeting Dates for
2013-2014 School Year**

August 2013 – no meeting

September 2013 – no meeting

October 3, 2013

November 18, 2013

December 9, 2013

January 23, 2014

February 2013 – no meeting

March 4, 2014

April 1, 2014

May 8, 2014

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 3, 2013
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Minutes of May 23, 2013 Meeting
- V. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update
 - B. School Budget
 - C. Financial Report for Non-Profit
 - D. Sports Program
 - E. Early College
- IX. New Business
- X.. Election of Directors
 - A. Elder Representative for Seat A, Term 2011-2014, Victor Kennedy
 - B. UAF Representative for Seat G, Term 2013-2016 Olga Skinner
 - C. High School Rep for Seat F, Term 2013-2016, Wayne Horine
- XI. Visitor Comments
- XII. Board Comments
- XIII. Next Meeting Dates: November ____, 2013 @ 5:15 pm.
- XIV. Adjournment

Wayne Horine

Bev Kokrine

Anjela Wong

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 23, 2013
4:45 PM
Minutes**

Wayne Horine

Bev Kokrine

Anjela Wong

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Elder Seat - Vacant

Roy Roehl Sr.
Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order – Chairman Bev Kokrine called the meeting to Order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Board members present were Bev Kokrine, Wayne Horine, Sheryl Meierotto, Rhonda Frost-Gillen, and Linda Evans. Excused was Anjela Wong. A quorum was established.
- III. Adoption of Agenda – Linda Evans moved and Wayne Horine seconded to adopt the agenda with change in order of agenda, moving FNA Board Member Replacement to after Adoption of Agenda and adding Charter School Legal Issue under New Business, C. Motion passed unanimously.
New Business Item – B. FNA Board Member replacement – Sheryl Meierotto moved and Deb Kokrine seconded to appoint Ray DeWilde as the FNA Representative, replacing Roy Roehl, Sr. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Minutes of April 2013 Meeting – Linda Evans moved and Deb Kokrine seconded to adopt the minutes of April 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Early College Report – Sue McCullough gave an oral Early College Report to the Board. She stated they were looking into a big raffle item to get some funds for the program. She was reported that summer school was going to be here again with Avril Weirs being the teacher. Middle Scholl students welcome and high school students could earn a .5 credit for elective science.
- VI. Summer School Report – Avril Weirs – see written report on Early College Attached to these minutes.
- VII. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update/Recruitment – Principal Evans presented an enrollment update that showed Effie enrollment stabilized since March at 140 students.

Numbers for next year are looking good. We have eight 7th graders signed up for next year and some new 8th graders.

B. School Budget – Principal Evans presented the latest school budget report. There was a transfer request completed to cover the areas where we are over-spent. Our goal is to have no carryover as the district has stated it will not be forwarded to next year.

C. Financial Report for Non-Profit – Principal Evans presented the financial report for the non-profit organization, noting a balance of \$7,246.90 overall. The TCC Culture Program is \$2,930.47 in arrears. Still expecting grant funds to cover those expenses.

D. Annual Report 2013 – A copy of the 2013 Annual Report that will be presented to Fairbanks North Star Borough School Board on June 3rd was given to the board for their review and comments.

IX. New Business

A. Adoption of Archeology Curriculum – Sue McCullough presented to the board the archeology curriculum for information and possible adoption. After discussion, Sheryl Meierotto moved and Ray DeWilde seconded to accept the curriculum for consideration at a future date. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 2013-14 Calendar Revision – Rhonda Frost-Gillen moved and Wayne Horine seconded to adopt the calendar revision, moving the graduation date from May 9th to May 15th. Motion passed unanimously. The board also decided to hold the General Meeting when we hold the birthday party for Howard Luke in October.

C. Charter School Legal Issue – The board discussed the issue of involuntary transfer by the district. It was suggested the Principal work with John Carlson, of Watershed on the issue to get a legal interpretation of the charter school law.

X. Old Business

A. Elder Representative for Seat A, Term 2011-2014 – Principal Evans stated Victor Kennedy, an parent of a student, was interested in this

position. The board decided to notify him and seat him at the August meeting.

B. Review Current Policies – Principal Evans presented these to the board for their review. No action necessary.

XI. Visitor Comments – No comments at this time.

XII. Board Comments – Ray DeWilde inquired about the grading policy, not allowing students to pass with a “D”, like rest of the district schools. Board explained that the board felt the students could easily retain a 2.0 as a passing grade, discussed the history of the policy. Ray DeWilde requested a list of students who failed a class with a D grade. Rhonda Frost-Gillen will print the report and send to him after grades are posted.

XIII. Next Meeting Dates: August __8__ @ 5:15 pm

XIV. Adjournment – Bev Kokrine moved and Wayne Horine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M Evans

Adopted October 3, 2013

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 18, 2013
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Minutes of October 3, 2013 Meeting
- V. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update
 - B. School Budget
 - C. Financial Report for Non-Profit
 - D. Sports Program
 - E. Early College
- IX. New Business
- X.. Election of Directors
 - A. UAF Representative for Seat G, Term 2013-2016 Olga Skinner
 - C. High School Rep for Seat F, Term 2013-2016, Eric Galloway
- XI. Visitor Comments
- XII. Board Comments
- XIII. Next Meeting Dates: December 9, 2013 @ 5:15 pm.
January ____, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
- XIV. Adjournment

Eric Galloway

Bev Kokrine

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 3, 2013
5:15 PM
Minutes**

Wayne Horine

Bev Kokrine

Anjela Wong

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order – Beverly Kokrine called the meeting to order At 5:25 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Members present were Beverly Kokrine, Wayne Horine, Sheryl Meierotto, Rhonda Frost-Gillen, Deborah Kokrine, Victor Kennedy, and Linda M Evans. Ray DeWilde was excused. A quorum was established. Also Present was Olga Skinner,
- III. Adoption of Agenda – Linda Evans moved and Wayne Horine seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Minutes of May 23, 2013 Meeting – Deborah Kokrine moved and Wayne Horine seconded to adopt the minutes of the May 23, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans gave an oral report to the board. Reports are attached to these minutes.

A. Enrollment Update – On August 14, 2013, we started the first day of school with 58 students in Junior High and 101 students in High School, with a total enrollment of 159. Today, October 3, 2013, we have 61 students in Junior High and 108 students in High School for a total enrollment of 169. Our enrollment is up! First year since I have been here that we started school with over 150 students. Hopefully, this is the beginning of a new trend for Effie! Increased enrollment means an increase in our budget. We are happy about that.

B. School Budget – With our increase in numbers, we will get a good increase in state funding. We are in the twenty-day count period now and I believe our numbers will hold. Principal reviewed the school budget and

answered questions from the board. She also stated that she was waiting on the cost of the newly hired 8th grade teacher to get the exact figure for personnel. As we are flat-funded, each year our personnel costs rises and leaves less funding for other expenses. With the increase in enrollment, we should be fine.

C. Financial Report for Non-Profit – Principal reviewed the EKCS non-profit balance sheet. The negative balance in the TCC Culture Program should be replenished when funds are reimbursed for those expenses. The FFA account will be getting more funds to cover that negative balance.

D. Sports Program – nothing to report at this time.

E. Early College – Principal reviewed the written Early College report by Sue McCullough, the EC Coordinator with the board. (attached.)

IX. New Business – none at this time.

X.. Election of Directors

A. Elder Representative for Seat A, Term 2011-2014, Victor Kennedy – Deborah Kokrine moved and Sheryl Meierotto seconded to accept Victor Kennedy to fill the remainder of the current term for Seat A, Elder Representative. Motion passed unanimously.

B. UAF Representative for Seat G, Term 2013-2016 Olga Skinner – deferred to next meeting date.

C. High School Rep for Seat F, Term 2013-2016, Wayne Horine – deferred to next meeting date. Wayne Horine will speak with Eric Galloway.

XI. Visitor Comments – Olga Skinner introduced herself to the board and her interested in serving on the board as the UAF Representative, Seat G, Terms 2013-2017.

XII. Board Comments – no comments at this time.

XIII. Next Meeting Dates: November 18, 2013 @ 5:15 pm.

December 9, 2013 @ 5:15 pm.

XIV. Adjournment – Sheryl Meierotto moved and Deborah Kokrine seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
December 9, 2013
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Minutes of November 18, 2013 Meeting
- V. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update
 - B. School Budget
 - C. Financial Report for Non-Profit
 - D. Sports Program
 - E. Early College
- IX. New Business
 - A. Election of Officers:
 - President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer
- XI. Visitor Comments
- XII. Board Comments
- XIII. Next Meeting Dates: January 13, 2014 @ 5:15 pm.
 - February _____, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
- XIV. Adjournment

Eric Galloway

Bev Kokrine

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
November 18, 2013
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

Call to order – Beverly Kokrine called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm, in the Elders Room at Effie Kokrine Charter School.

Roll Call – Board members present were Eric Galloway, Beverly Kokrine, Olga Skinner, Sheryl Meierotto, Rhonda Frost-Gillen, Deborah Kokrine, and Linda M Evans. Victor Kennedy was excused. Ray DeWilde was absent unexcused. A quorum was established. Others present were Sue McCullough, Avril Weirs, and Darrel Jarmon.

Adoption of Agenda – Two items were added to the Agenda under New Business: A. Chena Lake Academy and B. WEIO Tournament in March. Linda Evans moved and Rhonda Frost-Gillen seconded to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of October 3, 2013 Meeting - Deborah Kokrine moved and Linda Evans seconded to adopt the October 3, 2013 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans reported to the board orally and presented the board with handouts.

Enrollment Update – Reviewing the enrollment report, we are down one student, for a total enrollment of 60 for November. High school enrollment is down by one student also with an enrollment of 107 in November for a total enrollment of 167. It is normal after first quarter to see students transferring around the district. I expect we will have more at semester. We are confident our numbers will stay up.

School Budget – Budget is on track. Still waiting for an adjustment in the bottom line due to increase in enrollment over last year. **Club accounts** – some of the sports accounts are over-budget but that will be cleared up after the Thanksgiving Tournament. **Non-profit account** – still waiting for reimbursement funds from TCC for cultural/language expenses from last year. **Sports program** – big fundraiser coming up with the Thanksgiving Tournament.

Early College – Sue McCullough gave the Early College update. She is meeting with Steve Sparrow, Pete Penny to advocate for the EC program to be under the umbrella of UAF with financial support included. There is a great need to raise funds through a raffle or bingo as the cost of tuition is rising. Next semester classes include Wildland Fire (student can get their red card to firefight); English 111, Math 107, Communications 141 and Library Science. The summer program will be offering an English class along with a science credit. There is the fact that the Early College Coordinator position will end June

30, 2015. There are some grants available that could fund Early College. The EKCS Board needs to get involved in planning for the future of the Early College program.

New Business - WEIO March Basketball Tournament – A letter was received from WEIO to see if Effie wanted to take it over this year. WEIO will be busy with Arctic Winter games this March. Board decided against taking over the tournament at this time. Beverly Kokrine will check and see what the costs/profit is for this event.

Sue McCullough reminded the Board that Effie was hosting a potlatch for the Dene Athletes during the Arctic Winter Games week on Wednesday, March 19 starting at 6:00pm.

Election of Directors

A. UAF Representative for Seat G, Term 2013-2016 Olga Skinner
Linda Evans moved and Sheryl Meierotto seconded to approve Olga Skinner for Seat G, UAF Representative, Term 2013-2015. Motion passed unanimously.

B. High School Rep for Seat F, Term 2013-2016, Eric Galloway
Linda Evans moved and Sheryl Meierotto seconded to approve Eric Galloway for Seat F, High School Representative, Terms 2013-2015. Motion passed unanimously

Visitor Comments – Sue McCullough reminded the Board and invited them to the Peirce Park Community meeting on Wednesday, November 20th, 6:30-7:30 p.,.

Board Comments – none at this time

Next Meeting Dates: December 9, 2013 @ 5:15 pm.
January 13th, 2014 @ 5:15 pm

Adjournment – Linda Evans moved and Sheryl Meierotto seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary

Adopted at the EKCS December 9th, 2013 Board meeting.

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 23, 2014
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Minutes of December 9, 2013 Meeting
- V. District Presentation – Charter Revision
- VI. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update
 - B. School Budget
 - C. Financial Report for Non-Profit
 - D. Early College
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Revise Current Calendar 2013-14
- IX. New Business
 - A. Principal Notice of Resignation
 - B. 2014-15 Proposed Calendar
- XI. Visitor Comments
- XII. Board Comments
- XIII. Next Meeting Dates: March ____, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
April ____, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
- XIV. Adjournment

Eric Galloway

Bev Kokrine

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 23, 2014
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Eric Galloway Bev Kokrine Olga Skinner Sheryl Meierotto Rhonda Frost-Gillen Deborah Kokrine Victor Kennedy Ray DeWilde Linda M Evans
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Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order – Chairman Bev Kokrine called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.
- II. Roll Call – Members present were Eric Galloway, Beverly Kokrine, Olga Skinner, Sheryl Meierotto, Rhonda Frost-Gillen, Deborah Kokrine, Ray DeWilde, and Linda Evans. A quorum was Established. Excused: Victor Kennedy. Guests: Superintendent Pete Lewis, Kathy Hughes, Mike Fisher, Daphne Gustafson, Linda Woods, and James Krall
- III. Adoption of Agenda – Olga Skinner moved and Ray Dewilde seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Minutes of December 9, 2013 Meeting – Linda Evans moved and Deborah Kokrine seconded the December 9, 2013 minutes be adopted. Motion passes unanimously.
- V. District Presentation on Charter Revision - Superintendent Pete Lewis, Kathy Hughes and Mike Fisher discussed charter revision process and timelines with the board. The first written draft will have to be presented to the district after spring break, March 2014. The charter revision will go to the district school board for the meeting packet in October 2014 and presented at the November 2014 board meeting, either the first or third week of the month. The charter revision packet will need to be sent to the Alaska State Board of Education in March 2015 and presented at the June 2015 State Board meeting, which will be held here in Fairbanks.
 - a. Grading Policy and FNA Concerns. Pete Lewis discussed concerns from FNA discussions about the grading policy. Grades are currently A, B, C, and F. No D's. There is a concern that students with Ds would

be passing classes. Ray Dewilde, also an FNA Board member, said the Administration and FNA Board would like a report back on D's. How many students are extending their graduation out because of this policy. Following the break, Linda Woods proposed that comments should be presented to the staff rather than the board. Linda Evans agreed that the next staff meeting would be a time to discuss this topic.

- b. Future leadership. Pete Lewis also discussed considerations of a future principal versus head teacher. The board would need to determine the choice because the hiring processes for each type of position are different. Budget should also be a consideration. Kathy Hughes is knowledgeable of different models of leadership at other charters.
- c. Charter Revision – Mike Fisher and Kathy Hughes addressed charter revision and timeline considerations. The application process is geared around what charter has done in prior 10 years of operation and address changes from the initial charter, such as the calendar and the inclusion of early college and early college success. The first meeting for the charter and school district needs to happen right after spring break. In order for the final draft to go to the district board on November 2014, the information needs to get to the district during the last week of October to be in the packet for the November meeting. There was also discussion on the possibility of Title 1 funding, which would require following those funding guidelines. Charter considerations should include how that funding and the mission of the school would support or not support each other.

VI. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans referred to handouts due to time constraints.

IV. Old Business

- A. Revise Current Calendar 2013-2014 – Sheryl Meierotto moved to approve the revised calendar due to weather. Eric Galloway seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

IX. New Business

- a. Principal Notice of Resignation – Linda Evans submitted her resignation. Motion to accept by Sheryl Meierotto and seconded by Ray Dewilde. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. 2014-2015 Proposed Calendar – Ray Dewilde proposed an earlier fall break for moose hunting. Rhonda Frost-Gillen said it was moved to a later time because it was too warm for hunting in the first week of the month. Sheryl Meierotto proposed a parent vote for fall break during the up-coming parent-teacher conferences.

XI. Visitor Comments – none at this time

XII. Board Comments – none at this time

XIII. Next Meeting Dates: March 4, 2014 @ 5:15 pm.

April 1, 2014 @ 5:15 pm

Deb Kokrine advised the Board she might not make the next meetings due to medical.

XIV. Adjournment – Ray Dewilde moved and Olga Skinner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Motion pass unanimously.

**Effie Kokrine Charter School
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 4, 2014
5:15 PM
Agenda**

Regular Monthly Meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Minutes of January 23, 2014 Meeting
- V. Principal's Report – Linda M. Evans
 - A. Enrollment Update
 - B. School Budget
 - C. Financial Report for Non-Profit
 - D. Early College
- IV. Old Business
 - A. 2014-2015 Proposed Calendar
 - B. Charter Revision Process
- IX. New Business
 - A. Principal or Lead Teacher Decision
- XI. Visitor Comments
- XII. Board Comments
- XIII. Next Meeting Dates: April 1, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
May_____, 2014 @ 5:15 pm
- XIV. Adjournment

Eric Galloway

Bev Kokrine

Olga Skinner

Sheryl Meierotto

Rhonda Frost-Gillen

Deborah Kokrine

Victor Kennedy

Ray DeWilde

Linda M Evans