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**From:
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First Semester Review/Report

Outstanding Activities and Events

From the start of the school year, we've been promoting our vision of a "Better Together" school environment. To this, we instituted a daily morning meeting where we all – students, teachers, staff - come together around the center circle of the gym and talk about the day to come. We end each meeting with a "Better Together" call-out. All of our whole-school activities have been branded with this motto – art projects, newsletters, community get-togethers, etc. This has had a noticeably positive effect, most evident in the praises of our parents/guardians. We've often heard that this year the students are showing elevated enthusiasm and engagement. Beyond the uptick in school spirit, our academics are humming along with many of our students tearing through their math classes and showing upward progress in their MAP testing. A short list of our activities this past semester include: a "Welcome to School – Better Together" hotdog and hamburger dinner; a whole-school nature walk and rock hunt; a t-shirt tie-dye team-builder; a Halloween Carnival with a haunted house and a cake walk; a Thanksgiving potluck and turkey shoot; a student government fundraiser hamburger fry with a community volleyball scrimmage; an after-hours live-stream of our hometown Perryville Eagles volleyball team at districts; a U.S.F&W.-led bird class and poster-making session; and a Christmas program with a dessert potluck and a visit from Santa. We've also had good participation in CTE courses and sent three of our high-schoolers to the Bristol Bay Youth Leadership Forum in Anchorage.

Personnel

All three teachers – Megan Maloney, Rob Fagerquist, and James Williams – completed college courses this semester while working diligently to provide the students with a high level of instruction. All three report satisfaction with the learning environment and the progress of their students.

The classified staff remains steady. Our cook, custodian, and preschool teacher all have their jobs down to a science and are self-sufficient. The challenge for the new year will be to find more effective ways to engage classroom aides in school processes. This may be achieved by adding more regular all-staff meetings, providing professional development, and expanding their duties where applicable.

Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

At this point most students are progressing well. Math has been a particular bright spot, especially for the middle and high schoolers. Many are further along in their ALEKS progress than expected, and several are preparing for their end-levels. This is encouraging as math is an area where students may fall behind. At present, we have six students nearing graduation, and math is a limiting factor for several. That being said, if the juniors and seniors (especially) maintain their current trajectory, they should be on pace to graduate next year. Christian Meneskie deserves praise for providing a logical and easy to follow progression through the standards. Writing is another area of concern; only one of the high school seniors and two of the juniors are in their grade-appropriate writing level. However, with the writing projects provided by Marli Nikolaus in her online classes and on-site projects (coupled with science and social studies standards) we should be able to move our older students through the levels and keep the younger ones on track.

Technology Progress

Technology (mainly our internet connection) was a bit spotty at the start of the year, but has settled down quite a bit since. We haven't had to miss an online class due to connectivity issues since late September. Technology matters have otherwise been few and have been handled promptly by the tech support team.

Facility Update

Our facility is generally in good shape. No major issues have been encountered. There is a plan to move the library from an upstairs room to a ground level room as the present library floor seems to be showing signs of stress under the weight of the books (over eight thousand of them). LPSD maintenance staff have been efficient and responsive to our needs.

LSAC Activity

We have managed to have regular monthly meetings with our LSAC. At present, we have three members: Bertha Skonberg, Dana Phillips, and Sephora Trefon. The LSAC has been a vital asset in the planning and implementation processes of events and policies and have been very generous in providing material support for our activities, including donating pizza to the school for a "Teacher/Student Appreciation Day"

Volunteer Report

We have had good volunteerism from the community. Members of the community have led us in art projects, helped with cooking for our events, and

Professional Development

As noted previously, the three teachers are taking college classes in their "spare" time.

Pupil Attendance

Attendance has been strong. We had a small number of students out of the village for medical reasons, but otherwise everyone is showing up every day on time and ready to go.

Student and Staff Safety

No problems to report.

Subsistence Calendar

All is well, with the long summer break not seeming to have an impact on the educational progress of our students.

Other:

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