# KIVALINA ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Regular Meeting Minutes | November 10, 2026 | Kisimgiugtuq School Library

Called to order: 7:00 PM | Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Members present: Myra Wesley; Enoch Adams Jr.; Replogle Swan Sr.; Daniel Grimes

Members absent: Rebecca Norton; Charles Tinker

Others present: Sally Luther (minutes)

## 1. Swearing-In of Newly Elected Members

Myra Wesley and Replogle Swan Sr. were listed under the swearing-in of newly elected members.

## 2–5. Opening Procedures

Call to order, roll call and quorum, moment of silence, and Pledge of Allegiance were included on the agenda. The notes do not record further details for these items.

## 6. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Replogle Swan Sr.; second by Enoch Adams Jr. Motion carried unanimously.

## 7. Public Comments

No public comments were documented. The council agreed to move Public Comments to agenda item 10 beginning with the next meeting.

## 8. Old Business — September Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the September meeting minutes by Enoch Adams Jr.; second by Replogle Swan Sr. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9A. Graduation and Promotion Dates

The council discussed and approved revised dates: high school graduation on Thursday, May 13, 2027, and kindergarten and eighth-grade promotion on Friday, May 14, 2027. Doors will open at 6:00 PM, with ceremonies beginning at 7:00 PM. The school year ends May 18, 2027. Enoch Adams Jr. moved to approve the dates; Replogle Swan Sr. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9B. Marc Brown Concert

The council approved authorizing Principal Daniel Grimes to contact Marc Brown and arrange a concert date based on his availability. Enoch Adams Jr. made the motion; Replogle Swan Sr. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## 9C. Iñupiaq Studies Update

Students are participating in hands-on cultural projects, including a high school student making a parka and others making gloves and related items. Younger students are studying Iñupiaq language and numbers. A question was raised about whether middle and high school participation earns academic credit; no answer was recorded.

## 9D. Expanding Iñupiaq Culture in the School

The council discussed displaying traditional items such as parkas and kayaks, potentially using a display case with rotating exhibits and items loaned by community members. Myra Wesley mentioned a parka that might be displayed after cleaning; Enoch Adams Jr. suggested a wolverine-themed parka made for a coach. Members discussed inviting elders to lunch and into classrooms, possibly alternating monthly visits between elementary and secondary grades. Suggested activities included net mending, traditional skills, outdoor observation, and reviving past activities such as snow parties. Display location, loans, and scheduling remain to be determined.

## 9E. Recent Kivalina Evacuation

The school sheltered up to 202 people during the recent evacuation. Discussion addressed cots and blankets, possible Red Cross replacement blankets, nighttime supervision and security, and appropriate arrangements for elders, caregivers, and families. A concern was reported about an older individual allegedly bothering younger evacuees at night; the notes contain no identifying details or documented findings. Participants suggested having a village representative assist with overnight security and considering rooms for elders and caregivers. Members also discussed the possibility that frozen ocean conditions could reduce the likelihood of another evacuation. No formal action was recorded.

## Additional Discussion — Athletics and Equipment

Members requested a list of needed equipment, including basketballs and other supplies, and discussed the Sivu tournament. Historically, boys' and girls' tournaments alternated between Kivalina and Noatak to accommodate teams. The principal planned to speak with Robert about the possibility of bringing the tournament back to Kivalina; Sivu was identified as the main focus. Replogle Swan Sr. offered to donate baleen for trophies, and the principal expressed willingness to purchase it. Other topics included open-gym opportunities, cross-country running, and restarting cross-country skiing if a coach can be found. The school reportedly has skis and poles, and NANA Nordic was mentioned as a past participant.

## Additional Discussion — Future Agenda

A budget report was requested for the next meeting.

## 10. Announcements

The next regular ASC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8, 2026, at 6:00 PM. The Boys and Girls Club was discussed as a possible location, pending confirmation of availability.

## Approval of November 10 Meeting Minutes

Immediately before adjournment, Enoch Adams Jr. moved to approve the minutes of this meeting; Replogle Swan Sr. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## 11. Adjournment

Enoch Adams Jr. moved to adjourn; Replogle Swan Sr. seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

## Remaining Items to Clarify

- The December 8 meeting location is tentatively the Boys and Girls Club, pending confirmation of availability.
- Confirm availability of the Boys and Girls Club for the December 8 meeting.