SHUNGNAK SCHOOL

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Date: October 8, 2026
Time:
Principal: Dennis Slaton

1. ASC Members: Genevieve Norris ● Justin Custer ● Nellie Griest ●
   Liz Commack ○ Wynona Jones ● Dennis Slaton ●

Quorum Established: (Yes) / No

2. Call to order
3. Roll call
4. Introduction of Staff and Guests
5. Approval of Agenda. Yes ● No ○
6. Approval of past meeting minutes Yes ● No ○
7. Public Comments
8. Correspondence
9. Reports from committees
10. Principal reports

Liz Commack
Dennis

A. Iñupiaq Culture and Language

- Dolly and Nydia are working closely together to teach Iñupiaq songs and phrases to kindergarten and first-grade students, supporting language learning and cultural appreciation.
- An Iñupiaq Word of the Day is included in morning announcements.
- Teachers are deliberately incorporating Iñupiaq culture into classroom assignments.

B. Attendance, Enrollment, and Incentive Funding

- As of October 6, 2026, overall attendance was **78.33%**, with **51 students enrolled**.
- Our October attendance goal is **90%**. Family and community support is essential to reaching this goal.
- Superintendent Terri Walker has approved **$10,000 for attendance rewards**.

- I have contacted Big Ray's, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, and Sportsman's Warehouse to request donations or discounts on fishing gear, hunting supplies, and other incentive items.
- I am required to report the program's results to Superintendent Walker. Continued support and possible additional funding will depend on measurable improvements in attendance.

C. Student Engagement, Discipline, and Graduation

- Junior high and high school attendance and engagement remain major concerns.
- Two seniors remain enrolled, and attendance is a concern for one.
- The school has arranged additional instructional support and an IRA work opportunity toward graduation requirements. Students must attend, participate, and complete required work.
- Discussion topics include family support, consistent expectations, curfew concerns, and students staying out late and missing school.
- Explore school and tribal partnerships for alternative programming and behavioral-health support for students at risk of disengaging from school.

D. Student Government, Halloween Carnival, and Activity Funds

- Student government elections will take place **Friday, October 9**.
- Student government will lead the planning, organization, and operation of the Halloween Carnival.
- Community help with prizes and pies will be needed.
- Funds are available for concession purchases through the student fund and general fund.
- Carnival ideas include classroom decoration contests, a pie walk, a costume walk, and opportunities for parents to visit classrooms.
- Discuss supervised student cooking and baking activities to support fundraising and build practical skills.
- Consider inviting student government representatives to future ASC meetings to develop leadership and governance experience.

E. Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- Athletic participation remains low.
- Coaches and community volunteers are needed for basketball, wrestling, and volleyball.
- Open gym opportunities are available, but participation has been limited.
- Consistent attendance and regular practice are necessary to develop skills and build school teams.

F. Upcoming Events and Community Outreach

- **October 13–16:** District board meeting in Kotzebue.
- **October 16:** End of the first quarter.
- **October 19:** Parent-teacher conferences.
- **Halloween Carnival:** Date and details to be announced.
- **Veterans Day:** Plan recognition for local veterans, including a song performed by kindergarten

11. Board Policy Review for Public Comment
12. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
    A. Old Business
    B. New Business
13. Items for next meeting's agenda. Shungnak Activity Funds review
14. Public Comments
15. ASC member comments
16. Time and Place of next meeting: 12:00, November 5th, Shungnak School
17. Approval of Minutes
18. Adjournment