SHUNGNAK SCHOOL

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Date: November 5, 2026
Time: 12:00
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

The school needs a dependable sound system. Our current single speaker is inadequate for gatherings in the gym, making it difficult for everyone to hear clearly. Several systems are available in the $1,000–$2000 range. Would the board approve purchasing a sound system within this price range?

The board expressed support, and the principal said he would select a model with staff input before ordering.

The school need shelving for the school library. I have put a detailed estimate in your folder to consider. Below is the abbreviated request:

Location	Quantity	Estimated Cost
Wall bookcases	7	$3,380.02
Center-floor bookcases	8	$2,468.88
Total	15	$5,848.90

The district may purchase replacements, but the school may need to cover them locally if it does not. The board is in support of replacing the library shelves.

I would like to host a community bingo event at Shungnak School on December 4th to bring families and community members together for an enjoyable evening. I will ask the IRA to match our expenses for the event and will reach out to NANA and Maniilaq about providing additional prizes or participating. I am requesting approval to spend up to $1,500 out of our general fund to purchase bingo prizes. I am open to suggestions, but I believe practical items such as cookware, blankets, and other household supplies would make prizes that families could use and appreciate.

The board approves this initiative and welcomes the family event. Community members also discussed sewing gatherings, teaching birch-basket making and other traditional skills, and organizing students to help elders or residents with practical projects.

Reading remains a priority for Shungnak School. We have joined a program called Storybook Treasures that will give each elementary student a book to take home in the hopes they start a home library. This program was purchased using grant money and with the help of Joy Cogburn-Smith at the district office.

All common areas are being recorded 100% of the time. Any accusations of fighting or bullying can be retrieved and reviewed. This month our security system was broken for a period of 4 days. I think it was an intentional break in. District is trying to recover the hard drive so we can possibly detect who went upstairs to the security system.

Our attendance incentive program has not produced the improvement we hoped for. Attendance fell from 78.33% to 68.82%**,** a decrease of 9.51 percentage points, leaving us well below our 90% goal**.** We need families and the community to help students arrive on time and attend every school day. Rewards alone cannot solve this—we need everyone's support.

The principal described increased discipline concerns, including classroom disruptions, student phone use, and suspected marijuana use on or near school grounds. He said a small number of students were disrupting classes and that retaining teachers could be difficult if

conditions did not improve. Participants emphasized the need for parents and elders to engage with students and support the school.

I have included the new budget in your folder.

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.
14. Public Comments
15. ASC member comments
16. Time and Place of next meeting: **December 10**
17. Approval of Minutes
18. Adjournment