



# Naukati School

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## Nov. 2024 School Board Narrative

**Site Update:** Wood fired boilers are up and going. Bob Deuel and Ryan Weaver are our wood fired boiler operators.

**Classes:** Classes are running smoothly. One of our students has been experimenting with 3-D printing, and has made a number of fidget puzzles that staff and students are enjoying. Naukati recently loaded out a 3-D printer to Coffman, and the same student traveled over to Coffman to help with setup and give a demo.

**Sports:** Four Naukati students are currently away participating in volleyball regionals in Kake, and one traveled to Gustavus. Our local volunteer, Ernie Jones, is chaperoning the Kake trip. Two Naukati students are gearing up to travel for a wrestling match in Petersburg, and regionals in Haines. It's been an exciting experience for students to be able to travel for sports this year, visiting places they've never been, and developing connections with students and staff from different regions. Students have worked hard to advance their skills in sports, maintain their grades, and fundraise for these adventures—with more fundraising to come!



\*Archery and high school basketball will be starting soon. Sharlet Collins has been hired as Naukati's coach!

**School Improvement:** Our school improvement empowerment specialist from DEED, Tina Peyerk, visited our site on November 18th and 19th. During this time, Tina was able to tour our site, and talk



to our leadership team about the progress we've made, school improvement plans for the rest this year, and sustainability plans for the future (since this will be our last year of school improvement!). Tina also spent some time observing and modeling literacy skills in our classrooms. Hosting Tina was a very positive experience for our school!

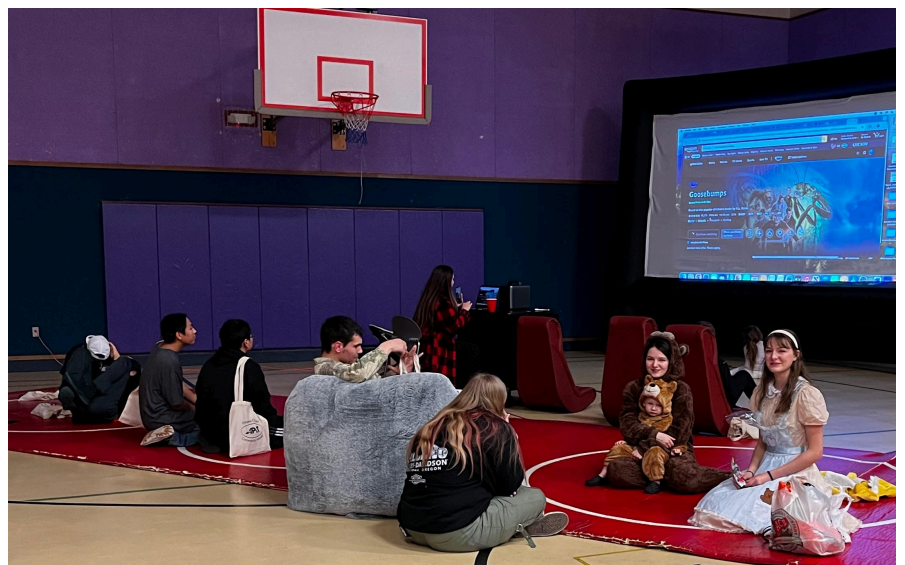
**Late Start:** Like the other schools in the district, on 11/19, Naukati had a late start due to hazardous weather conditions on the island. This was a great opportunity to test out the effectiveness of the robocall system to see who is or is not receiving notifications as they should.

### Professional Development:

- Cassandra Christopherson is continuing to take classes in Reading Assessment & Instruction every Monday evening, and Alaska Reads Act Lets training on Wednesday evenings (thus the absence from the board meeting).
- On Friday, November 8th, staff attended an inservice in Thorne Bay. Test scores were shared, learning plans discussed, and a schoolwide plan was drafted.
- On Friday, November 15th, Sharlet, Cassandra, Robbin, and Matt attended a virtual mClass Interventions & Boost training session, learning more about how to use the features of the online program to benefit students.

### Events:

- **Oct. 31st:** Naukati School celebrated Halloween with an afternoon movie, optional costumes, and treats!
- **Nov 5th:** Naukati's ASC meeting took place. We had people step up, and were finally able to fill ALL of our officer roles! Cari Jones is ASC President, Mackenzie Denham Vice President, Debie Fehr is



secretary, and Sharlet Collins is treasurer. Now we just need to get the check signers updated with the bank, and the ASC can start spending money again!

- **October 9th:** Naukati School collaborated with Naukati's girl scout troop to host the annual Veteran's Day dinner for the community. Naukati students decorated and set up, and the girl scouts provided a wonderful chili dinner. During the dinner, a donation jar was put out, and many donations to the girl scout troop were received.
- **Upcoming:**
  - With so many of our school and community youth gone for sporting trips the week before Thanksgiving, and scheduling conflicts during the week of Thanksgiving, Naukati opted to do a school and community "Holiday Dinner" potluck this year in place of our traditional Thanksgiving meal. This will take place on December 3rd at 5:30, and a dessert auction will follow.
  - Naukati School's annual *cookie exchange and Santa visit* is scheduled for December 17th at 5:30 p.m.

Report respectfully submitted by Cassandra Christopherson