

HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL SAC REPORT

Harold Kaveook School is excited to be bringing kids into the interim school for face-to-face classes five days a week. While still short on supplies, we have the basics to provide instruction in-person to our entire student population. It will be imperative to keep the supply chain moving, as the supplies like food, PP&E, and custodial items are very limited. The interim school facility is very nice, and it has been quite a feat to arrive where we are. The construction crew has a few more weeks to finish the project completely. The students, staff and community of Kaktovik want to thank everyone who were involved in the project. This would not have been possible without the significant support from the North Slope Borough.

Clean up at the site of the old school is progressing nicely and they have almost hauled off all the debris. Public Works has done an awesome job at taking on this huge role. We have been in contact with the architect firm Burkhart and Croft, who will be designing the new school. The maintenance crew and public works is nearing completion of getting the four teacher housing units back on line. It is our hope that by the time of the board meeting, the teachers will be settled in. They have been staying at the senior center during the transition and have been very flexible and understanding with the given situation.

Harold Kaveook School would like to welcome our two new teachers to the North Slope. Carey Halnier is a veteran teacher, who comes from the Denver, Colorado area. Madaline Coffelt-Richardson is a new teacher, who joins us from Eastern Washington.

We have two SAC seats up for election this year. Seat one is a vacant seat and seat five is held by Carolyn Kulukhon. The additional seats are held by Alicia Solomon, who is our president; Rhiannon Akkootchook, who is our vice president; and Clara Sittichinili, who is one of our members. We want to thank them for their continued support and willingness to be part of the SAC.

Harold Kaveook School had a COVID Response Safety team meeting last week. Superintendent Harvey, Assistant Superintendent Roseberry, M & O Director Luke Parker, and Lisa Petersen attended via ZOOM. It was a great meeting, where the community came together to provide the needed COVID mandates for operating school safely. We want to thank all those who participated.

Last weekend we conducted our first virtual cross-country meet. We had ten students compete, the largest group of participants I have seen in many years. It was wonderful to see the lead runners supporting and encouraging the younger runners. We want to thank Will Wiese for stepping up and coaching cross country this year.

We are looking for alternative activities that our students can participate in with the loss of our gym. We are working on setting up a new student store, getting student council up and running, as well as elementary and middle school Lego Robotics. We continue to look for other quality activities that our student can participate in. In addition, we have been in contact with the borough mayor's office regarding our high school's participation in the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council.