



# AMBLER SCHOOL

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## Advisory School Council Minutes March 7th, 2024

1. Call to Order 5:11

2. Roll Call

- a. Nellie Cleveland (Chairman) ☒ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Excused
- b. Frances Williams (vice chairman) ☒ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Excused
- c. Clara Cleveland (secretary) ☒ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Excused
- d. Mary Douglas (Member) ☐ Present ☒ Absent ☐ Excused
- e. Gladys Jones (Member) ☒ Present ☐ Absent ☐ Excused

3. Introduction of Guests

Sarah Hutchison, Ambler School Principal  
Tuck Cleveland, Middle School Basketball  
Jordan Gray, 1<sup>st</sup> grade  
Nina Duallo, MS/HS Science/Math

4. Moment of Silence

5. Approval of Agenda

Gladys Jones Motion to approve agenda as is  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Williams

6. Approval of Minutes

Gladys Jones motion to approve minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Frances Williams

7. Public Comments

Tuck Cleveland

1<sup>st</sup> year on team, traveled to Shungnak, took 7 players, Josh was the coach and Clara Maude was the chaperone, Shungnak, Kiana and Kivalina teams were there, 4<sup>th</sup> place, good sportsmanship, lots of laughs, parents traveled to cheer

Jordan Gray

Favorite part of school is gym, we are doing grizzly bucks and have a class store in Mrs. Palma

8. Principal Reports

Sarah Hutchison- its spring time and we are working on positive

a. Extracurricular Activities/ Prom

NYO practice-Serena Cleveland Sr., Nellie will be coach, hopefully we can do a site meet so that our younger students can participate

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Black/ Silver- no theme, dresses came in, insulated mugs for out kids, hoping ASC parents and staff can come help and decorate. 10 kids from kobuk, shungnak still working on their numbers, 7<sup>th</sup> grade on up

- b. Graduation/Promotion  
Kindergarten, 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion and graduation all together  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- c. School Improvement Plan Update
  - i. Reading, Attendance, and Family Engagement

Grants to help students sense of belonging, attendance and reading. With reading the goal was to get some state things implemented, training and progress monitoring and to make plans for those students

Attendance we are second in the district at 86%

Open gym in the morning is helping with attendance and we can see a difference in behaviors kids are loving to come to open gym in the morning

Family engagement – We had a reading family night and we are acknowledge on a website

Mrs. Duallo and Sarah are working on templates to help with family engagement

(Reading of article)

Zaylee is also featured in the article for her art work and love for reading

We raffled some shirts and prizes, KRL donated two pizzas, gas and stove oil

- d. Other News  
Introduce Nina Duallo. Jeff is still in the hospital and will be retiring. We would like to have a retirement party and pay to bring fiddlers and dancers from Fairbanks. We have requested funding from entities. The school would like permission to book the charter and use the funds to reimburse the school. The charter is \$14,000 and the fiddlers are \$1,600. ASC agreed.

- 9. Youth Leader Report  
Khloe Cleveland – we went to Shungnak and played ball and we almost won,  
We've been opening gym, we help in classes, and trying to help teachers clean our room and help with family night, we decorated, served popcorn and juice, clean up after event,

- 10. Classroom news

Nina Duallo- We joined in with the idita- photo contest, there are other categories like media, art  
Zaylee won with her picture

Nellie Cleveland – going back into routine, making key chains, pillows, need more needles and felt,

Clara Cleveland – shared about reading club discussions,

#### 11. ASC Member Comments

Frances- I wanted to ask about gym list

Sarah- this has to do with behaviors, we need more parents support and working with families, staff is talking about working with rewarding positive behaviors, forming partnerships with families between our staff, we need to think outside of the box with hands on activities, movement and working as a staff to use positive rewards

Frances – are there Friday night activities

Sarah – we have some amazing people in the building who stay in the building from 8-4:30 and so we look at the youth leaders to host activities

Gladys Jones – giving sewing night a place to go to its been really just to have choice for some ladies to do we are wishing there are more that can go, there are free material, thank you so much for providing. Jayde was stretching seal skin and I had one that I did last summer, and we are making hard bottom mukluks. I just wish there was something for the men, building sleds something for the men to bring them together.

Frances – skiing, is there going to be skiing?

Sarah – if someone volunteers for them. We can reiterate to staff they can volunteer to open up skis for students, our high school and middle school love it, but there aren't any sizes for them.

Clara Cleveland – Arriaga good meeting thank you all for coming

#### 12. Time and Place of Next Meeting

April 9<sup>th</sup> 5 PM

#### 13. Adjournment 6:06 PM

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Advisory School Council  
May 14th, 2024

## NO QUORUM

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - a. Nellie Cleveland (Chairman) \_\_\_\_ Present \_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_ Excused
  - b. Frances Williams (vice chairman) \_\_\_\_ Present \_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_ Excused
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3. Introduction of Guests
4. Moment of Silence
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes
7. Public Comments
8. Principal Reports
  - a. Attendance
  - b. End of the year update
  - c. School Improvement Plan Update
  - d. Summer School
  - e. Other News
9. ASC Member Comments
10. Time and Place of Next Meeting
11. Adjournment

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Kiana Advisory School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
5/1/24

1. Call to Order:  
Meeting called to order at 12:09 pm by Chairman Delores Barr.
2. Roll Call:  
Members Present: Delores Barr, Ely Cyrus, Victoria Morris, Jeannette Barr, Naomi Chappel, Victoria Morris. Quorum.
3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:  
Moment of silence observed, and Pledge of Allegiance said in Inupiat.
4. Introduction of Guests:  
None.
5. Approval of Agenda:  
MOTION: Victoria Morris made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Jeannette Barr. Agenda approved.
6. Public Comments:  
It was suggested that the ASC monthly meetings be made known to the public. Parents might/guardians might want to attend. Meeting announcements could be made on the VHF, and a message to each parent/guardian through their cell phones. The agenda is forwarded by email to the Clinic, City Office, Lee Sea Air, KTC . and Blankenship Trading Post.
7. Approval of 4/3/24 ASC Minutes:  
Correction: Public comments: Tne corrected to "the" public , 9<sup>th</sup> line down. 9a sports: Students 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> should say 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.  
MOTION: Naomi Chappel made a motion with the corrections made; seconded by Jeannette Barr. 4/2/24 minutes approved.
8. Report from Councils:  
Naomi Chappel: Native Village of Kiana has a meeting scheduled for 5/14/24 to reorganize after the October election. Haven't had a quorum and had a vacant seat still open . we hope to get that filled at the 5/14/24 meeting.  
Delores Barr, NWAB: Attended the 4/22-23/24 meeting last week. Had an extensive budget. Will get less revenue from Teck. We could have less and less revenue coming in. The 24-25 year budget was introduced. Next meeting is scheduled for 5/28/24.

## 9. Principal's Report:

## a. Sports (NYO, posting positions):

Alec Mills qualified and attended the State NYO games in Anchorage. The games were broadcast on the NFHS channel that was made available to people that wanted to watch. Posting positions: Last year the region and ASC members chose to fill the contracts for the following coaching positions in April of each year instead of waiting for August when school starts. The following coaching positions have been posted at LSA, the school, post office, clinic, city office and Native Village of Kiana: High School Boys and Girls Basketball coaches, NYO, Cross Country, Wrestling and Mix-6 Volleyball.

## b. Graduation:

Kindergarten graduation will be held on 5/17, 10:00 a.m. Luncheon at 11 am.  
High School graduation 5/17 6:00 pm. 2 graduates: Laura Jackson, Thor Morris.

## c. Baccalaureate:

Scheduled for 5/15/24, Kiana Friends Church, 6:00 pm

## d. Senior Dinner:

Dinner will be held 5/14/24 for the seniors and their families. Naomi asked if senior money is used to purchase the food for the dinner. Mr. Stewart informed the ASC that staff purchase the food.

## e. Summer Gym Use:

Facility Use Permits need to go through the District office for summer use of the gym. Brandon Blackburn will not direct the "Property Services. Organizations or people interested in filling a permit out might contact him before end of the school year.

## f. Uniforms:

The uniforms still need to be ordered for the Middle School. The District will not pay for any MS sports. Uniforms for basketball and cross country will be ordered for MS.

Mr. Stewart informed the ASC that every student enrolled in the school will get an atiktluk. Material was provided by the District office. 10 new sewing machines have been installed in the old computer lab. Mittens for the girls that participate in Inupiat dancing have started on their gloves.

## g. Attendance:

Overall attendance is at 72.44 which is higher than the last semester. Attendance

sheets attached to the meeting packet.

h. University of Maine:

BEAST: (Mr. Stewart informed the board that he doesn't know what this stands for). The team went up to Andy Lake, Squirrel River to excavate the lake. Most lakes are 13-14,000 years old. Andy Lake is 150,000 years old. They tried digging to check on bacteria and fragments in the soil and what plants were available. They only went down 5-6 feet. Need to go much deeper. The team will know what to do if they come back this summer or next spring. Students will be able to participate. Glenn went up with them and it took a long time for him to go up and back. He felt it wouldn't be safe for students to follow. We are hoping this will be a long-term relationship with the University. We were working with the District Office to see if students can get up there with a helicopter but the group left.

i. End of year:

Community picnic will be held 5/23/24 outside, last day of school. First day of school for the 23-24 school year is 8/20/24.

Mr. Stewart informed the Board that these people will not return: Brandon Blackburn, Property Services; Brett Slaathaug, Student Activities Coordinator; Robin Gage, Data Specialist Coordinator; Megan Williams, Director, Administrative Services.

These positions will be hard to fill. The only person in our school is Jenna Walker who is transferring to the Kotzebue school.

10. ASC Member Comments:

Victoria Morris asked Mr. Stewart when he would be back in Kiana this summer. He will back 7/21/24.

Naomi asked if Mr. Stewart heard on the floor tile in the school. No response yet.

Delores: Appreciate the work the people do for this meeting. Would like to see the community participating in the meetings, get them involved, it is important. I will be available for the 8/7/24 meeting.

11. Schedule Next Meeting:

August 7, 2024 at noon.

12. Adjournment:

MOTION: Naomi Chappel made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded Victoria Morris. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.



## KIANA SCHOOL

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### Kiana Advisory School Council Meeting Agenda May 1, 12:00 PM – Library

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance
4. Introduction of Guests
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Public Comments
7. Approval of minutes from 4/3/2024
8. Report from Councils
9. Principals Report
  - a. Sports (NYO, positing positions)
  - b. Graduation May 17 K-10:00 AM/Luncheon 11:00 HS 6:00 PM
  - c. Baccalaureate
  - d. Senior Dinner May 14 6:00 PM
  - e. Summer Gym Use
  - f. Uniforms
  - g. Attendance
  - h. University of Maine
  - i. End of year (community picnic, last day of school May 23, First day SY 24-25 Aug. 20)
10. ASC members comments
11. Schedule next meeting (Aug. 7)
12. Adjourn

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# DEERING SCHOOL

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## Advisory School Council

### Agenda

May 13, 2024, 7pm

Meeting rescheduled to 5:00 due to participant's schedule.

- I. Call meeting to order: 5:20 called to order by Kevin
- II. Roll Call

☒ Delores Iyatunguk

☒ Gloria Carter

☒ Denise Iyatunguk

☒ Kevin Moto

Term: Seat A 2025

Term: Seat B 2025

Term: Seat C 2026

Term: Seat D 2026

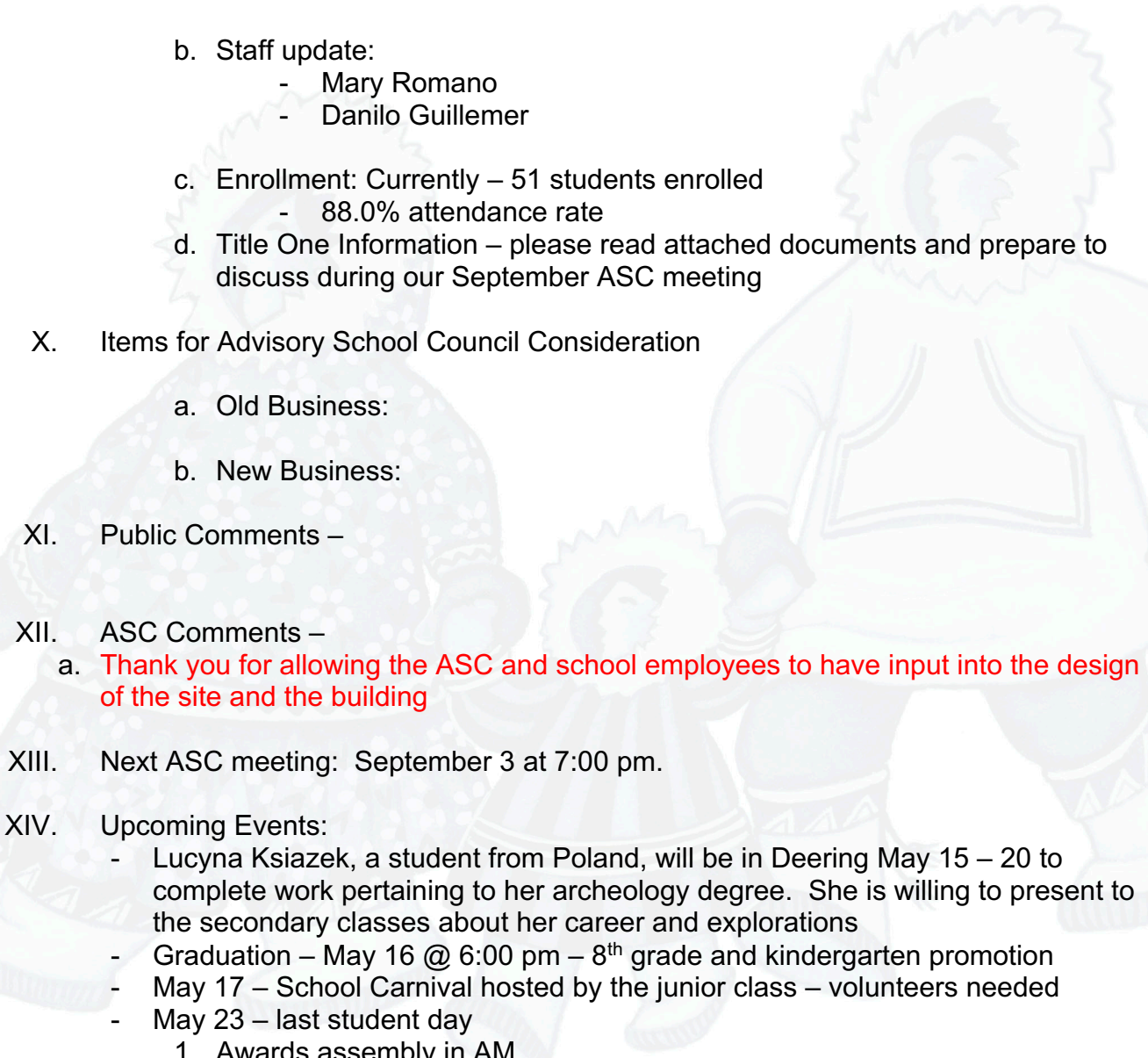
Term: Seat E 2025

- III. Moment of Silence:
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Delores moved, Denise seconded. approved
- V. Introduction of Guests/Staff members: Dena Strait and Joanna Croft present to discuss plans for the upcoming school building construction.  
Presented power point of history and proposal of new construction  
Discussed various options for building layout and site layout
  - Wind direction and how it effects snow drifting
  - Placement of teacher housing on the site
  - Arrangement of classrooms and gymnasium
  - Entry and exit points
  - Restroom facilities and access during open gym and throughout the day
  - ASC chose option B with some modifications to facilitate future growth
- VI. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2024 Delores moved, Denise seconded, approved
- VII. Public Comments: none
- VIII. Correspondence: none
- IX. Principal's report:

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- a. Student Activities Account: Pending deposit of \$8,180.00 plus recent income
  - b. Staff update:
    - Mary Romano
    - Danilo Guillemer
  - c. Enrollment: Currently – 51 students enrolled
    - 88.0% attendance rate
  - d. Title One Information – please read attached documents and prepare to discuss during our September ASC meeting
- X. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
- a. Old Business:
  - b. New Business:
- XI. Public Comments –
- XII. ASC Comments –
- a. **Thank you for allowing the ASC and school employees to have input into the design of the site and the building**
- XIII. Next ASC meeting: September 3 at 7:00 pm.
- XIV. Upcoming Events:
- Lucyna Ksiazek, a student from Poland, will be in Deering May 15 – 20 to complete work pertaining to her archeology degree. She is willing to present to the secondary classes about her career and explorations
  - Graduation – May 16 @ 6:00 pm – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and kindergarten promotion
  - May 17 – School Carnival hosted by the junior class – volunteers needed
  - May 23 – last student day
    - 1. Awards assembly in AM
    - 2. Cook out (hot dogs) during lunch time
    - 3. Fire Drill in afternoon
  - May 24 – last teacher day
  - May 27 – June 7 – Summer School
  - August 20 – First day of school for the 24 – 25 school year
- XV. Adjourn: **Moved by Denise, seconded by Kevin Adjourn at 7:08**

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DAVIS-RAMOTH SCHOOL  
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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

THE DAVIS-RAMOTH MEMORIAL  
SCHOOL ASC MEETING

Thursday, May 9th, 2024  
4:30 PM  
School Library

Agenda Attached

# AGENDA

1. Call to Order: Maureen Ticket 4:19

2. Roll call:

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Ticket – President | Term Seat A |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Norma Ballot                          | Term Seat B |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tillie Ticket - over phone | Term Seat C |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Ralph Stalker                         | Term Seat D |
| e. <input type="checkbox"/> Clyde Ramoth                          | Term Seat E |
| f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tabitha Johnson            | Term Seat F |
| g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Oviok                 | Term Seat G |

3. Resignations and Appointments:

- a. Tabitha Johnson – Resignation Letter attached.
- b. Motion made by Kirk, seconded by Tillie. Motion approved.

4. Election of Officers:

- a. NO NEW ELECTIONS

5. Moment of Silence: Kirk Oviok – Prayer

6. Introduction of Guests: None

7. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Motion made by Kirk, seconded by Tabitha. Motion approved.

8. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Motion made by Tabitha, seconded by Kirk. Motion approved.
- b. Tillie – send in the minutes to bring them in the next regional meeting.

9. Public Comments: None.

10. Correspondence: None.

11. Reports from Council:

- a. City – none.
- b. IRA – none.
- c. Elders – none.



d. Other – none.

## 12. Principal's Report:

a. Student of the Month: Kevin Coffin

- i. **Jamie** – he has come a long way; he has stepped up as a role model. He's helping in the shop, stepping up in many ways. We are blessed to have him.

b. Employee of the Month: Maggie Mitchell

- i. **Jamie** – she has been here 47 years; she is the longest tenured employee in the district. She is always here and lets us know WAY ahead of time when she will be out.

c. Student Attendance:

- i. **Jamie** – it is down, at the end of the year. Many seniors completed their senior year today – trying to alleviate their plate before graduation next week.  
Elementary has been great – they want to be here at school.

d. Teacher Housing:

- i. **Jamie** – it is complete, they came out earlier this week and finished up a few things, it is ready to move into.  
We got new furniture in some teacher's houses, and they were excited to receive it.

e. Extra Duty Contracts:

- i. **Jamie** – we're trying to get this done as early as possible.  
Scheduling will take place tomorrow, so we will not be starting school with students not in classes at the beginning of school.

f. Budget:

g. ALE Program:

- i. **Jamie** – I have been involved of multiple ALE programs; I have seen more come out of this ALE program than I have in others.  
We started with 2 graduates, jumped to 11 by last meeting, and we could possibly have 13 by next.  
We have kids determined to get back on track.



13. Items for Advisory Council to Consider:

a. Old Business: None

b. New Business:

i. Last day of School in early May

1. **Jamie** – we have received complaints about getting out later. The thaw is here – kids are out and about. Many people have mentioned if it was possible to change.
2. **Tabitha** – I think attendance is a double-edge sword, it's important to remember that the district voted on, we didn't get what we wanted, but this is what people voted on.
3. **Maureen** – this is the first time that we are doing the late May exit, I hear all of issues schools are having with students' behavior. But for our students this is not working for our students this late in May. My own thoughts we should have a poll vote, to see how other schools did and put in our two cents on how our kids are with attitudes and not wanting to be here.
4. **Tabitha** – was it for 3 years?
5. **Maureen** – yes, but it can be amended.
6. **Jamie** – I have spoken to other principals and they are having the same problems and agree that it was a bad move to bump it later.
7. **Tillie** – we meet in June and the minutes of this meeting will be approved and we did a survey for ASC, and this is what the ASC chose. I'm not sure, we can talk about it and get parents involved or ASC members – through letters. I've been hearing issues going on – let's get our letter done and get it to the board.
8. **Jamie** – we appreciate this, we uploaded the minutes in Canvas after our meeting. It was brought up in the meeting and we received a call about furniture in Selawik.

9. **Tillie** – Let's get on this to get it done before the next meeting and get it out to other schools.

10. **Maureen** – how about a vote to

11. **Tillie** – I think a letter for now and we can reach out to other ASC's.

12. **Tabitha** – I think it needs to be given a chance, it's hard to gather data on one point. It could be anything causing it.

13. **Jamie** – I will get that drafted.

ii. Anchorage – Basketball

1. **Jamie** – We are looking at sending our basketball teams to Anchorage for tournaments for December 31 – January 5. Brett has got us in a tournament and have until Dec. 23 to cancel. It is going to cost us about \$30,000. They will play 1A schools in Anchorage and I have reached out to schools in Anchorage for the girls. We can raise some of that between now and then, if we need to talk to someone about raising money then I want to get ahead of it. This is something for our kids to look forward to.

2. **Tabitha** – that's a lot of money – with all the classes that y'all are trying to raise?

3. **Rachel** – it's not coming from that budget it will be fundraised.

iii. Incentives – Semester tests, Perfectish Attendance, Honor Roll, etc.

1. **Rachel** – We would like to implement Semester tests – an incentive here is for students with A & B's and a set number of absences be excused from semester test. Therefore, the students that meet that requirement will get to start their Christmas Break and Summer Break sooner.

Perfectish Attendance and Honor Roll should also be

rewarded – I say ish because coming everyday doesn't happen in many schools anywhere anymore. We could do an ice cream party or something like that to reward those students for their dedication.

2. **Maureen** – they used to do Slushies? Do we still do that?
  3. **Jamie** – happening right now. We have an ice cream machine, but I can't seem to order ice cream mix.
  4. **Maureen** – I got it from Amazon.
  5. **Jamie** – I know NANA was going to get school ice cream machines.
  6. **Rachel** – we kind of did this with 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing, Jamie, I'll let you explain it to them.
  7. **Jamie** – we've had issues with them in the classrooms. I mentioned that if they all come in and ALL hit growth in reading, they will get a pizza party. They achieved that goal, and they loved the pizza party!
  8. **Maureen** – we need more of those.
  9. **Jamie** – incentives we want more of those – it's something we want to shoot for next year.
- Mrs. Larel and James just walked in, so I will let them share some data with you.

14. Public Comments:

- a. **Larel** – we got excellence news; the principal has to take the data to Kotz and they will have to it over the summer. Kindergarten – 2 students did not finish due to absenteeism. 2 are still in red, but high red. 2 yellow, one came from red to yellow. 2 greens, one came from yellow to green. And I have 3 blue, 20 in the district are blue and 3 are kindergarten.  
1<sup>st</sup> grade, they have had a difficult year and have a lot of teachers.  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade, out of 10 – 2 have moved up from red.  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 2 moved up from red and 1 out of yellow.
- b. **James** – We saw the big scores of the district.
- c. **Larel** – K-3 – 110 students have jumped a color.



- d. **James** – it's the nice thing about Dibels, they can retake it, especially if their having a bad day or didn't sleep well.
- e. **Jamie** – from what I'm understanding, they may be in red, but they are moving up.
- f. **Larel** – the line indicator is also climbing throughout the year.
- g. **Jamie** – we have had tremendous improvement.
- h. **James** – tutor has been helping a lot.
- i. **Jamie** – retention, we go through the process with the teachers and parents and some parents have requested.
- j. **Maureen** – it's good that they are going up.
- k. **James** – it's lofty to get from red to yellow, they up it A LOT.
- l. **Jamie** – we have some that have scored in the blue and have stayed in the blue all year.

15.ASC Members Comments:

- a. **Tabitha** – thank you for the opportunity to be here and be on the ASC. It's been a great way to work with people who care about the students. I have questions about the events.  
I think we could have these during the day – so other students can also attend and see what they are missing out on.  
**Rachel** – but would parents be able to attend?  
**Tabitha** – they have in the past.  
**Maureen** – I wouldn't be able to attend.  
**Tabitha** – it would be important for other kids, and it would give you guys a break and y'all need to tell yourself that it is okay to take a break.  
**Rachel** – I have worked at other districts that have done it during the school day and athletics in the evening, we could look into something like that for upcoming years.
- b. **Kirk** – thank you for being cordial and becoming educated – like being able to amend something, to Tabitha: thank you for everything and being a part of it.
- c. **Tillie** – thank you Tabitha and being a teacher for many years, Selawik is your home, and you are always welcomed back. Thank you

to the staff, Jamie for making sure we have a successful year. It was good to hear from Larel about the data. Don't forget to draft the letter and look into the calendar. I hope everyone has a great summer; I am starting to feel better.

d. **Kirk** – happy early Mother's Day

e. **Maureen** – thank you Tabitha for all your dedication and hard work, you always have a home here in Selawik, we will miss you. Thank you to the staff, Jamie and Rachel – James you as well – it's nice to hear and see staff come. We're all here for a reason, for the kids and we are hanging in there. We're hanging on by a thread. Good meeting. We need more classroom space, more support – not only for our district, but for housing. Great meeting.

16. Time and Place of Next Meeting: September 19, 2024 – 4:30 pm

17. Adjournment: Motion made by Tabitha, seconded by Kirk. Meeting adjourned – 5:10 pm.

Minutes were approved by a phone vote after Mr. Cowart drafted the letter for the board to sign to send to the district office on May 10<sup>th</sup>.





## *Letter of Request*

*Madam President*

*NWABSD School Board*

*Kotzebue, AK*

To: NWABSD School Board

I am writing on behalf of the Davis-Ramoth Memorial School ASC to formally request a reconsideration of the school year calendar for our district for the upcoming years. After thorough discussions and consultations with our staff, students, and community members, it has become evident that there is a strong desire to revert to the previous school year schedule. With classes commencing in early August and concluding in early May.

As representatives of our community and staff, we have listened attentively to the concerns and feedback expressed by various stakeholders, and we believe that aligning the academic calendar with the traditional timeline would be in the best interest of all parties involved.

We have received overwhelming support from the members of the community who express a preference for the earlier start date. Their voices echo the sentiment that the previous schedule better accommodates family vacations, extracurricular activities, and overall planning.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are available to provide any additional information or clarification as needed.

*Maureen Chicket*

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Davis-Ramoth Memorial School ASC President



**Kotzebue Schools  
Advisory School Council  
Tuesday, April 30th  
6:00 PM **KMHS Library** or Via Teams / Call in Audio**

The public can also join the Kotzebue ASC meetings via TEAMS meeting.  
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1. Calling of meeting to Order, Roll Call
  - a. Paula calls to order @ 6:06pm
2. Establishment of Quorum
  - a. Bree, Kristen, Ray, Paula here. Kris is excused
3. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence
4. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Motion by Ray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bree
5. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Mr. Corey Sheppard, Faith Jurs and Cassius Brown
6. Correspondence
7. Reports
  - a. Principal and Activity Reports: KMHS, JNES, STAR/ATC, NWABSD Homeschool
    - i. Changes in staffing for JNES
    - ii. Corey Sheppard – assistant principal for JNES
    - iii. All positions are filled going in to next school year in JNES!
  - b. Discussion Items:
    - i. Certified teachers – Katie Hansen finished her certifications, Miranda Eakin will have an emergency certification.
    - ii. Mr. Brown is leaving, possibly going to Buckland. His position is not filled as of today.
    - iii. MS activities – will they be funded? Find out before posting Extra Duty Positions. Dates for activities.
    - iv. Ice cream social on the last day funded by KIC
    - v. Consessions – quotes for new equipment? Have not made a final decision, will be taken care of by Mr. Kerber. Ice cream machines will be purchased by NANA, one for each school. Double check dates for ice cream.
    - vi. Karl Kowalski is leaving ATC.
8. Action Items: Facility use agreements
  - a. Bree motions to approve two facility use agreements, Ray seconds. Approved and signed.

9. Items for ASC Consideration
  - a. Board Policy Revisions and/or new policies
  - b. Old Business: Please follow up on concession equipment and update on MS sports activities.
  - c. New Business: no
10. Public Comments:
11. Date for Next Meeting – May 13, 2024 @ noon
12. Council Comments
  - a. Sad to see Mr. Brown leave. Excited for Mr. Sheppard to be an assistant principal. Thanks for the increased communication – emails, texts, phone calls, etc. Prom was fantastic! Use ATC for future catering needs.
13. Approval of Meeting Minutes Ray moves to approve the minutes, Bree seconds. Approved minutes.
14. Adjournment: 6:38pm

BP 8321 The Advisory School Committee may not hold executive sessions.

<b>ASC Members 2023-2024</b>			
Bree Swanson	Seat A 2025	Victoria Ferguson	Seat E 2024
Jade Hill	Seat B 2024	Ray Troyer	Seat F 2025
Kristin Dau	Seat C 2026	Paula Octuck	Seat G 2026
Kristofer Rose	Seat D 2024		



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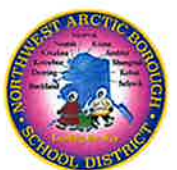
## Advisory School Council Meeting

May 9, 2024

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Share
- IV. Introduction of Guests
- V. Report for Councils
  - a. Principal Reports
    - i. End of Year Funds
    - ii. Purchasing for next year
    - iii. Grand Opening
    - iv. Year-end activities (Graduation, K&8<sup>th</sup> Promotion, Recognition Day)
    - v. Summer Travel Plans
    - vi. Returning and New Staff
    - vii. Art Projects
- VI. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting: August, 2024
- X. Adjournment

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## Advisory School Council Meeting

- NO Q'OURUM

April 18, 2024

-Bad  
Weather  
- People out of  
town -

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Share
- IV. Introduction of Guests
- V. Report for Councils
  - a. Principal Reports
    - i. Evacuation Summary
    - ii. Upcoming Grand Opening
    - iii. Senior Trip
    - iv. Student activity funds
    - v. End of Year Activities
    - vi. Graduates and Scholarships
  - b. Activities
    - i. Graduation
    - ii. Kindergarten and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
    - iii. Senior Banquet
- VI. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- X. Adjournment

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## Advisory School Council Meeting

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Share
- IV. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Keziah Diabo – Minutes recorder
- V. Report for Councils
  - a. Principal Reports
    - i. Upcoming NYO Season
    - ii. Senior Trip
    - iii. Phone Policy – Yondr
    - iv. Water levels
- VI. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
  - a. Cell Phone Policy - Yondr
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting
  - a. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- X. Adjournment

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## Minutes

Call to Order – 6:21pm

### Roll Call

Jeremy Millard

Becky Norton -Traveling for meeting

Enoch Swan

Myra Wesley

Replogle Swan

Charles Tinker

### Principal's Report

Basketball season has wrapped up and we're still trying to get everything organized and returned and washed. Once that is all finalized, we will process payments.

We know that there were some concerns that popped up at the end of the season with grades and eligibility, but the policies are laid out clearly in the handbook, and we are as flexible as possible.

We also know that there was a lot of frustrations when it came to not being able to host any games. First of all, there's nothing we can do about flights canceling. The weather is undefeated, and it always will be.

The water issue was a precaution. We ran water during the -30 degree cold snap in an attempt to keep lines from freezing and

breaking. That worked. It did, however, spike our average usage to the point of concern for the district, and collectively we decided that we should not host, just to preserve water. We felt like the trade off – not hosting, or potentially having to be remote for an extended period of time - was a reasonable trade. Our water levels are ok, though. We anticipate being able to make it through the school year without any major issues.

NYO is in full swing, and we will be sending kids to Kotzebue – Weather and eligibility depending – in April. Reppi has stepped up to coach the boys who have come out.

The senior trip is approaching very quickly. There are 5 senior who are going to travel to Los Angeles with Jenissa and Coy. We are still planning on a couple tournaments to add some spending power to the trip, but it's pretty much set.

They will attend a basketball game, go to amusement parks, museums, aquariums, and Universal Studios. It'll be a great trip. This is the first senior trip planning for Jenissa and Jeremy, so there is a lot of room for error, so please be patient. Our main concern is the safety of the kids.

We have decided that graduation will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>. That fits everyone's schedules right now. We were shooting for the 17<sup>th</sup>, but it bumped into some meetings for a few of you.

Water levels for the school are good. We are still averaging about 1,200 gallons a day, a school day, that is. Currently we have enough to last through the end of the year, barring any crazy events.

The Yondr pouch is here as a sample, and it needs to be shown to everyone. Jeremy showed it to the students in the Youth Leader group yesterday and they really liked it. It's an interesting concept where they lock the phone away all day, but they get to keep it with them. It's in their possession, but they can't use it unless it's opened by a staff member with the magnet. This system, for all our students would be an initial cost of about \$3,000. We would have to add some money every year for loss or breakage, but hopefully nowhere near that amount every year. Jeremy is still looking for options to fund the purchase if it's approved by the ASC and the Superintendent and the Board.

#### ASC Comments

Myra is excited for her daughter to get to travel for her senior trip. She knows that she has put a lot of work into going and is happy

for the whole group. She's happy that Coy is going. He is a good role model for the kids.

Myra knows the struggle with the basketball grades and eligibility, too. As a coach and a parent, it is frustrating. We tell the kids over and over to be eligible, but they always wait until the last minute. They have to put school first, though.

Reppi asks about the requirements for NYO. We have the same expectations for NYO as for any other sport: They have to have a 2.0 with no F grades.

Kids have access to their grades all the time through powerschool. They can log in to their own accounts, ask a teacher or principal, and the parents have access. They just need to keep up with their grades.

Reppi knows they have been putting a lot of work into the water tanks in town, and it's good to know that the levels at the school are ok for now. We're just hoping there are no surprises again this year.

Reppi came in to play around with the Yondr pouch a little yesterday and it is a neat idea. It would be good for the kids to have their phones, but not be able to use them unless it's the right time.



Myra and Charles like the idea of the Yondr pouches, too. They hope the students take care of them and that the phone issue can be managed.

As a group, the ASC would like to see the Yondr pouches move forward with Jeremy's guidance to the Superintendent and Board.

Adjourned at 8:22 pm



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## Advisory School Council Meeting

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Share
- IV. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Keziah Diabo – Minutes recorder
- V. Report for Councils
  - a. Principal Reports
    - i. Ongoing Basketball season
    - ii. Mini-Tournaments for Senior fundraisers
    - iii. Student Activity Funds
    - iv. Phone Policy
- VI. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
  - a. Cell Phone Policy
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting
  - a. March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- X. Adjournment

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## Minutes

Call to Order – 6:12pm

### Roll Call

Jeremy Millard

Becky Norton

Enoch Swan

Myra Wesley

Replogle Swan

Charles Tinker – Out of town

### Principal's Report

The basketball season continues, and games will be coming up again. So far we haven't had any home games for various reasons; weather, schedules, etc...

Both high school teams are scheduled to travel, and we should be getting an opportunity for the middle school team(s) to travel.

Transportation for practice continues to be a bit of a hassle. We try to run the bus, the van, the bus again, whatever we can to make sure students can get to practice, but it seems that there's always some kind of issue. Transportation communication is key, but without cell service and not everyone having a VHF, it can be difficult.

Ford and I try to announce as often as we can, and we are not always on time. We do run in to issues from time to time, but there's nothing we can do about that...be it gas, DEF, weather, other maintenance issues. We'll continue to do our best to pick kids up on time and bring them home at the right times, but we are always looking for help from the community to drive as well. Reppi does most of the driving for the community, and that takes its toll on him and his vehicle. We appreciate what you're doing!

#### Mini-Tournaments for Senior Fundraising

We have been having regularly scheduled mini tournaments to help the seniors raise money for their senior trip. We have explained that only the seniors who are present and helping will be able to go on the trip. This is explained each time we set up another tournament or activity. So far, they have raised between three and four thousand dollars. They should be able to meet their goal and have a good senior trip.

We need to remind adults coming up for the tournament about school rules: Tobacco, alcohol, attitude, swearing, etc...

We all HATE cleaning up tobacco spit, even in a can or bottle after the games. Please remind people to refrain from using tobacco in the building.

## Student Activity Funds

We have not used any large sums of money since the purchase of our School Gear. That is still being used in school to give away for free to students. Community members are getting the opportunity to win gear at the tournaments as well.

Right now the student activity account has just over \$50,000. We will continue to replace money used for concession supply purchases from the proceeds. It is likely that some of the money in the student activity funds will be used, and replaced, for the senior trip due to the amount of cash we'll have on hand from the concessions and tournaments.

## Cell phone policy

As some of you have noticed while in the building, cell phones are still a major issue. The policy states that elementary students are not supposed to have them at all, MS/HS students can have them before and after school and during lunch. When taken, they may pick them up after school on the first occurrence. After that, a parent must pick it up. We need help enforcing this. Some parents get mad when they must come up here to pick up the phones, but that's kind of the point of the policy. Some encouragement from home would be very helpful.



## ASC Comments

Myra understands the issues with the basketball transportation, but it can be frustrating. She asks that we just continue to communicate as much as possible when things like that happen, so they know when to wait for the bus.

Reppi drives kids almost every single day, and he knows his truck will eventually give out. He hopes that he can keep getting support from the school and the community with his vehicle.

Enoch sees the phone issues first hand and knows that it is an issue that needs to be dealt with at home first. He feels that the students aren't getting enough education because they are glued to the phone.

Myra tries to keep her kids' phones at home, but she travels a lot too, and sometimes they bring them anyway.

Reppi doesn't let his kids bring phones, he knows the problems they cause and keeps them away.

Jeremy has a new idea with the policy, it's called YONDR. He's trying to get a sample here that would keep phones locked up

all day. It would have to be approved by all the parents and students, though.

Agreed!

Adjourned at 8:14pm



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## Advisory School Council Meeting

January 18, 2024

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
  - Myra Wesley**
  - Replogle Swan**
  - Enoch Adams**
  - Charles Tinker**
  - Becky Norton**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Share
- IV. Introduction of Guests
  - New Staff:**
    - Grace Menor**
    - Maria Rosalin Mabaylan**
    - Chloe Mae Nasibog**
    - Alvin Altares**
  - Other Staff:**
    - Keziah Diabo**
    - Coy Castro**
    - Meilve Castro**
    - Glenn Sahibol**
- V. Report for Councils
  - a. Principal Reports
    - i. Basketball Coaches
    - ii. Basketball practice schedules
    - iii. Transportation for practice
  - b. Activities
    - i. Upcoming games
    - ii. Potential Middle School Basketball
- VI. Items for Advisory School Council Consideration
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- X. Adjournment

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## Meeting Minutes Summary

**\*\*Date:\*\* January 18, 2024**

**\*\*Time:\*\* 6:00 pm**

**\*\*Location:\*\* Cultural room**

**\*\*Chairperson:\*\* Jeremy Millard**

### I. Roll Call

### II. Introduction of Guests

Principal Millard introduced the new staff member and their class assignment.

- **Grace Menor- PreK- Kindergarten**
- **Maria Rosalin Mabayan- 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Chloe Mae Nasibog- 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- **Alvin Altares- Science Teacher**

#### - Other Staff Introductions:\*\*

- **Keziah Diabo: Existing staff member/ 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**
- **Coy Castro: Current staff member/ SPED Teacher**
- **Meilve Castro: Present staff member/ SPED Intensive Aide**
- **Glenn Sahibol: Continuing staff member/ Maintenance**

### III. Report for Councils

#### a. Principal Reports

##### 1. Basketball Coaches:\*\*

- Discussion on who the coaches are:

- o Reppi Swan for Girls Team
- o Myra Wesley and Glenn Sahibol are coaches for Boys Team

##### 2. Basketball Practice Schedules:

- Overview of the existing practice schedules.

4:30-6:-00- Middle School

6:00-7:30- Girls

7:30-9:00- Boys



- Considerations for optimizing practice times for better efficiency and player development.

### 3. Transportation for Practice:

- Current arrangements for transportation to and from basketball practices were reviewed.  
Bus will be used to pick up and send home kids after practice.

### b. Activities

#### 1. Upcoming Games:

- Information on the schedule for upcoming basketball games.
- Preparations required for the games
- Encouragement for staff to support the teams during these events.

#### 2. Potential Middle School Basketball:

The school district is considering a potential Middle School Basketball tournament. Coaches that were hired for the MS boys is Coy Castro and for MS Girls is Emma Swan. Schedule of practice was discussed, and transportation for practice is also provided.

Next meeting: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

Meeting adjourned: 7:47



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## ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- IV. Introduction of Guests  
All teachers and staff members are present.
- V. Principal's Report
  - a. Upcoming Break
  - b. Recent remarks on Social Media
- VI. Guest Comments
  - a. All teachers and spouses
- VII. Public Comments
- VIII. ASC Member Comments
- IX. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- X. Adjournment

Minutes:

Call to order at 6:05

Pledge and Invocation conducted by Enoch Swan

All ASC members are present except Charles Tinker. excused for travel.

The ASC and the staff wanted to get together to discuss a disturbing and negative comment that was posted to social media. The comment was derogatory towards the principal (by name), and insinuating the other male employees at the school.

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Jeremy discussed that he was shocked to see such a comment, as no concerns have ever been brought to his attention in any manner. The comment came as a surprise because the person making the comment had just had a very positive interaction with Jeremy the previous week during a tournament. Jeremy expressed his concern because the comment made him question how he was interacting with students. He mentioned feeling like he had to be secluded because his intentions were being misconstrued by individuals who are not in the building.

Each teacher and their spouse took time to address the ASC and expressed their concern for such comments online. It is unfair that people in the community can post false information and the people at the school are unable to respond or defend themselves.

Staff members expressed their support for how each other handles student interactions and behaviors. They look to Jeremy as a role model in regard to how he treats each student as a family member with open arms and welcome handshakes or greetings. Staff members expressed the concern that if Jeremy didn't feel comfortable in the school and decided to leave, they would each leave as well.

#### ASC comments

Becky emphasized that the comment came from an individual that no one takes seriously. While the comment can be seen by everyone on social media, people know that this individual just spouts off at the keyboard and doesn't represent the community. Becky is sure that students are safe and well cared for, and she doesn't want us to change how we interact with students.

Becky wants us all to continue working here and doesn't want us to change our approach.

Reppi discussed how people in town would frequently call him out for false accusations as well. He said we can't let that get to us and we just must keep going the way we're

going, because it is the right way. He believes we're doing the right thing, and we need to continue to do that.

Myra doesn't want to even think about us leaving. We're a part of the community and a part of the family, and she wants us to keep treating kids like they're family, because she knows they're loved and cared for here. She knows that we are good people and we're doing the best we can to keep students happy and safe.

Enoch knows first-hand that people will say things that aren't true and are hurtful. He thinks that is a cowardly act, and that we need to ignore it and continue with what we're doing. He emphasized that we 'DO NOT CHANGE'. He likes what he sees and wants it to continue.



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## ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 16, 2023 - NO QUORUM

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- IV. Introduction of Guests
- V. Introduction of New Members
- VI. Principal's Report
  1. Sports- Volleyball
  2. NBA Basketball Player- Willie Reed
  3. Upcoming MAP Assessments
  4. Holiday Feast
  5. Community Engagement
- VII. Guest Comments
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. ASC Member Comments
- X. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- XI. Adjournment

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## ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

October 26, 2023

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- IV. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Terri Walker
  - b. Margaret Hansen
- V. Introduction of New Members
  - a. Replogle Swan Sr.
  - b. Myra Wesley
  - c. Becky Norton
- VI. Reorganization
  - Nominees
  - Votes
- VII. Principal's Report
  1. Sports
  2. Student Activity Account (New Gears)
  3. Community Engagement
- VIII. Guest Comments
- IX. Public Comments
- X. ASC Member Comments
- XI. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- XII. Adjournment

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## Minutes:

Call to order at 6:41

Pledge and Invocation conducted by Enoch Swan

Superintendent Walker and Board President Margaret Hansen are introduced.

Introduction of New ASC members, Replogle Swan, Myra Wesley, and Becky Norton.

Returning members Charles Tinker and Enoch Swan.

New members are sworn in by Superintendent Walker

After swearing in, the Reorganization begins:

Enoch nominates Becky Norton to be President – unanimous vote

Becky nominates Enoch to be Vice President – Unanimous vote

Myra nominates Replogle Swan to be secretary – Unanimous vote.

Becky takes over as the lead of the meeting as she is now the president.

Principal's report

Volleyball is traveling to Buckland tomorrow. We have a full team ready to go and grades have been checked already. Our team will host volleyball games in the future, and we're looking forward to that. Reppi would like to donate popcorn to the concession stand for the upcoming games.

Basketball season is approaching quickly. We have received applications for coaches, and we are going to be conducting interviews soon.

We have been working to involve the community in our school more. We are looking for individuals, like Reppi and Dolly to be our "culture barers". They have dedicated time to come to the building and help teach cultural awareness to the students and the teachers.

There is a new communication system for the school district – Please text "Y" to 67587 to be added to the messenger system.

Guests and Community comments

Family member is concerned about her child riding the bus, especially in the dark. She feels like there are many factors that lead to her trepidation, and the bus is usually so full when it comes in the morning, the student doesn't want to ride alone.

Jeremy offers to be at the bus stop with the van to bring them to the school, but needs to know that they will be there, too.

The community is frequently concerned about the buses being full when they come to town. Sometimes kids are left waiting.

Jeremy says that he is willing to drive the van down when the bus driver lets him know that there are still kids left waiting. This takes him about 15 minutes to get down there, but it's better than not coming to school, and it's better than the bus coming up and down again.

This concern is also expressed in terms of sports practices...especially with basketball coming up. There will be a lot of times when there are too many kids for the coaches to transport on their own – Reppi usually drives them and takes on all the cost of the fuel and repairs..

Jeremy says that the school vehicles have not been used in the past because of wear and tear on the vehicles used to transport staff and students when there are emergencies. That can change, but it would need to be approved by the district and we would have to hire someone to drive at that late hour.

Superintendent Walker says that that is something the school can do, and says that we will work together to find a way to help with transportation.

The community is still wondering why we only have one bus driver.

Jeremy explains that the certification and licensure process for driving the bus is more difficult than what is required at Red Dog, and it is a difficult process.

Superintendent Walker encourages people to apply and let others know to apply as well.

The community would like to know how many students are in the building – there are 159 students currently enrolled.

Superintendent Walker discusses the new Reads Act and the process that will happen to discuss “non-progression” as students move through the school year and

finish testing. She encourages parents to read with their children, make sure they're coming to school every day, and to pay communicate with the teachers, and the teachers to communicate with parents. It is going to be a major emphasis of our district to increase the amount and quality of communication with parents.

Adjourn at 9:09pm



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## ADVISORY SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

September 14, 2023

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation
- IV. Introduction of New Teachers
- V. Report for Councils
  - A. Principal's Report
    1. Operations of the building
    2. Sports
    3. Parent Engagement
    4. Culture Bearer
    5. School Activity Budget/Finances
    6. Access to old school
    7. Dedication Plaque
    8. Elections & Open seats
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. ASC Member Comments
- VIII. Time and Place of Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

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## Kivalina ASC Minutes

Meeting Date: September 14, 2023

Call to Order at 6:32 pm.

Roll Call: Present – Enoch Adams, Lowell Sage, Charles Tinker

Absent – Doreen Baldwin (unexcused), Charlie Norton (stepped down)

Pledge and moment of silence observed. Led by Enoch Swan

Introduction of new teachers.

Stephen Lindsey

Meilve Castro

Rudilyn Castro

Lucilyn Sahibol

Glenn Sahibol

Keziah Diabo

Jackie Marshall (not present)

Glenn Gabriel Sahibol (NMS Cook) graduate from last year!

Jeremy went over the new hires that have not arrived yet.

Joey Morris – CTE

Alvin Altares – Science

Chloe Nasibog – Elementary

Grace Menor – Elementary

Rose Maybalan – Elementary

New Teachers are expected to arrive between the first week of October and the end of November. We are currently filling positions with local substitutes, but we are struggling to find people. Applications are always being accepted.

### Principal's Report

Jeremy went over the operational issues with the school over the summer. The reason for the delayed start – a loss of water in the tank followed by an absence of water in the village to haul. Then, once the water was refilled, we had to wait for water samples to be taken and returned.

The water tank for the school is now completely full ( Thanks to Roy Adams for running the water truck every day). The tank should last us through the winter, but we're not sure how far, yet. We haven't had a full year of use to determine the average. We are hoping that the tank can be continuously filled as late into the winter as possible.

There has been some discussion about the new water source for when the village is able to move up this way permanently. It has not been decided, but it should be noted that if it is decided upon, the school would benefit from using the water source as dearly as possible. That would mean that we would need a raw water tank and proper pumps/hoses.

There were some really big changes to the fuel systems over the summer. The piping that goes into teacher housing was re-routed underneath the buildings so that it isn't

subjected to so much weight of the drifts. That was the source of two of the leaks last year. All connecting points now have flex pipe, too. The main fuel line was reinforced with blocks to stop it from sagging under the weight of the snow. There is still some possibility that the main fuel line will be moved further, but no decision on that has been made yet.

ADEC and RESCON came out to inspect the cleanup efforts from last year. So far, it looks like we did a pretty good job. The drainage pipe was blocked, and absorbent material was used to soak up fuel in the water. It does not appear that any fuel made it through that drainage pipe. Air quality tests were completed, and it was determined that there was no cause for concern.

Both 4-wheelers are operational, and we have been approved to receive a new snowmobile. The water truck has been running well. The truck and van are in good shape. The buses are BRAND NEW!! Thank you, Teck, for the tremendous donation and the paint job on the side (which was done by Glenn Gabriel Sahibol – the winner of last year's art contest). Our loader is also in good shape.

Sports – Unfortunately we missed the majority of cross-country season, and we will not be able to get enough practices in before the regional meet. We are going to begin focusing on Volleyball and Wrestling. We will hire a coach for volleyball and post the jobs for wrestling and basketball. We have been given the opportunity to hire a driver for the van that could drive students back and forth for practices. That has not been posted or filled, but we will take that position seriously as it involves a lot of driving at nighttime and through the winter. We would also be able offer some assistance to community members who are volunteering to drive students up and down.

Family Engagement – This is going to be a major focus for us this year. We must be better at getting families into the building. I want to make sure that we follow through with the activities that we have planned throughout the year. Ms. Keziah and I have created specific events that flow throughout the year, and we will provide some transportation when we are able. The bottom line is: having more people in the building, especially parents, is usually helpful!

Culture Bearer – This is a new idea for a position in the building. It would be an extra duty contract paid to an individual(s) who would like to teach our students some culture-based learning activities. This would go above and beyond what we do for our current Inupiaq class, this would be some outside on-the-tundra-type activities. It could also be spending time in the building reminding us of what the Inupiaq values are and mean. A lot of times we question the respect (or lack of respect) we see in the building, and we know that is not the Inupiaq way. Writing on walls, throwing trash out the windows, purposely defacing the building...just some of the things that we'd like to have a community member see and address on a regular basis. I mentioned this position to Dolly Swan, and she jumped right up for it. She said she and Reppi would love to do it! I think it's a great idea for a new position in the building, and I look forward to having them involved.



- Enoch and Lowell asked about a hunting class. Having the opportunity to teach the young people about how they learned to hunt. There is some money allowed for cultural activities outside of the school, and it is possible. They would have to be very well planned out – according to the school regulations – but it is very doable.

Student Activity Fund/Budget – Currently we're at \$68,690. There is a lot of money in there from construction crews that stayed in the school. We did not spend much out of that account last year. The major costs were sending extra planes for basketball regionals. We are still charging entities that stay in our building \$150 per person per night. That money goes into this account. We are about to receive another payment of close to \$10,000 from two companies who have been working here for a while.

- I would like to propose a purchase from this account for spirit gear for the students and community. This would be gear that we just give away. The money that goes to the school for people staying in the school should be given back to the kids and community as much as possible. I propose \$6,000 to spend on that gear.
  - o Lowell agreed but said to increase it to \$10,000.
  - o The rest of the committee agreed!
  - o Jeremy will find information on a vendor and move forward.

Access to the old School – The borough has the school boarded up and secured. There are still some things in the building that we could not move last year that we would like to get. Lowell has said that we can call him when we need to get in there and take those out. The community is also asking for pictures of the gym so that they can, potentially, use the gym to fund raise.

Dedication Plaque – We need to come up with the final wording for the dedication plaque to be hung in the school. We are trying to make it inclusive, yet succinct. The proposed language needs to be as pleasing as possible to the most people as possible.

- Can we table this until next week, and we can have a meeting just to discuss that?
- Meeting set for Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm.

Elections and Open Seats – We have three seats opening for elections this year. Seats currently held by Lowell Sage, Doreen Baldwin, and Charles Norton will be up for election. I will post the seats available, and I will accept nominated parties to put on a ballot. That ballot will be placed at the normal voting location, and we will have the election with the city.

Public Comments – None

ASC Member Comments – Enoch Adams would like to have, in writing, an MOA or MOU with the three major parties (The District, The Borough, and the City, and IRA) so that it is CLEAR who is responsible for what when it comes to the road, the water, the fuel, everything. Too many times it seems like problems come up and we aren't sure who's responsible for correcting them. That MOA needs to be written, and I (Enoch) have brought it up many times. It needs to happen.

Time and place of next meeting – Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm at the school.

Adjourned at 8:22pm