



Nome-Beltz Middle High School

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To: NPS Board

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Student Council:

- We have discussed operating a vending machine for passive fundraising although we have hit a road block as many of the snacks we want to sell are not allowed by board policy, and the previous vending machine the school used to have is nowhere to be found.
- We are planning a dance for Norton Sound while helping the middle school student council plan theirs.
- We are planning our community service project, which is likely to surround recycling. We originally thought of composting the cafeteria waste, however this has a lot of obstacles such as only using the leftover food from students' trays and not the kitchen. We want the recycling project to foster permanent recycling relationships with our school. So far we have communicated with businesses in town to donate recycling bins and transport of the recyclables. The recycling project will also include a clothes drive. This clothes drive will be school-wide with the intent of gathering clothes for surrounding villages.
- As mentioned earlier in the year, some students feel that the cafeteria does not offer enough lunch. Our senior representative Cassidy Martinson came up with the idea of having an extra food cart with leftover food in the cafeteria to be offered in the hallway for students to grab.
- In April there is an opportunity for some student council members to go to the AASG Spring Conference in Juneau. We will decide on travelers soon and begin fundraising.(look forward to that!)
- The CAMP Department joined one of our meetings where we brainstormed potential solutions to the vape problem, including but not limited to: an anonymous drop box, flyers with tearaway quit hotline numbers, student support ambassadors to aid others in quitting nicotine, lunch sessions with stress relief activities, hall/bathroom monitors, and the harms of vape/nicotine education (which includes bulletin boards around campus).

- While traveling in Cordova, Mr. Wharry and I talked to Cordova's student council about similarities and differences between us, as well as their schedule. Earlier this year we had debated a four week schedule, and their student council was able to answer some questions, such as what they do with their free Friday's and how that time is useful for students and student related activities.
- City council, school board members, and local media had attended one of our meetings. We will work with Jon Gregg to attend the next city council meeting according to the school budget.
- We want to thank Ms. KJ for visiting our school, we really appreciate when district members incorporate themselves into our school.

Issues from the student body:

- Many students have complained about blocked sites on the internet and limited access to research sites. Visiting teams have mentioned feeling isolated due to there being low cell phone service in this area and no access to wifi.
- Girls basketball players have mentioned that they feel less supported by the community compared to the boys.
- Many seniors and juniors currently feel a lack of support surrounding plans after high school.
- Some students have brought up the issue of bullying, earlier this year we planned a bullying session with the middle schoolers, so we may look at similar tactics to mitigate this problem. One solution we thought of would include circle "sentencing," which is similar to what the Nome Youth Court uses in their justice system. This circle sentencing would involve the bully, the victim, and a mix of other peers and adults.

Student Activities:

- Last week the girls basketball team celebrated 7 seniors: Alora Stastenko, BrookLynn Crowe, Benny Lie, Kaya Kent, Damara Sobie, Claire Fagerstrom, and Sara James. They played against Barrow.
- The boys basketball team traveled to Barrow last week as well.
- The Juniors are planning prom and have chosen Midnight in Paris as their theme.
- Youth court has begun advertising to promote other students to join.