

## Site Report – Meshik School– February 2023

To: Superintendent Kasie Luke  
and LPSD School Board Members

From: Tim Hatch and Kate Cornell  
Meshik School, February 2023



### Outstanding Activities and Events

Several steps have been taken to improve middle and high school classroom attendance and academic accomplishments.

- 1- Campus has been closed during lunch time, with the allowance of only the seniors to depart. This has provided for all to enjoy nutritional lunches, 20 minutes of exercise playing basketball, and timely starts for the 12:40 classes.
- 2- High school and middle school students have been separated for Science and Social Studies.
- 3- Our math tutor, Mr. Bill Harris, has helped students progress in online lessons while catching up on their backlog.

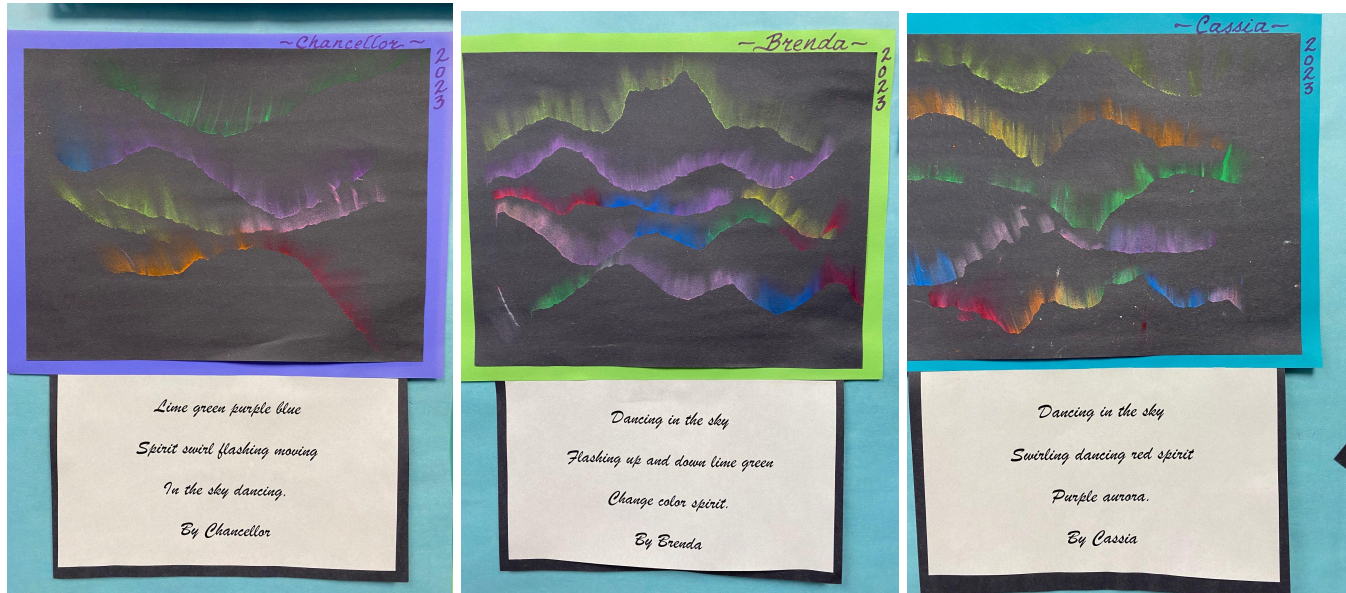
### Personnel

The teaching staff has expanded with now on site teachers Adeline, Stephanie, Grace and Tim supplemented by January arrivals of a long-term substitute (3-6) Dwight Homstad and a math tutor (ms-hs) Bill Harris. Kate Cornell has also joined the team as itinerant principal.

Cole continues his custodial and bus driving duties. Charisse Tunguing has served as a primary and pre-K substitute, PE teacher and night gym supervisor. Katie is on maternity leave and will resume full time teaching duties in mid-February.

## Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

End of the Semester student progress reports were submitted with significant gains being noted by students who have consistently been on site, in class and completing their assignments. Attendance and tardiness continues to hinder our overall achievement. A night gym study hall has been attended by students desiring to catch up on missed assignments, thus gaining eligibility for extra curricular activities.



Primary school competencies have been extended and reinforced through a variety of activities, including field trips, poetry, art projects, multi-faceted writing projects and map making. Science studies have centered around skulls of Alaskan animals, presented in a kit from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Vocabulary detailed the technical names of parts of the skull, classification of animals based on skull characteristics, and descriptors such as binocular/peripheral vision. Students drew skulls and learned how to 'trace' a 3-dimensional object (a bear skull) through plexiglass.

## Technology Progress

Meshik School internet connections are incredibly slow. All copiers and other equipment is in workable condition. Starlink has been ordered and will be installed in early March.

## Facility Update

All facilities are functional.

## LSAC Activity

A December LSAC meeting voted in new members Tisha Kalmakoff, Maxine Christensen and Isaiah Mike. The January LSAC meeting was held on January 19th with all members in attendance. It was decided at that meeting to close campus for lunch for all students unless signed out by a parent or guardian. This decision was made in part due to road conditions in the winter, and in part because of student tardiness after lunch. It will be revisited in the spring. The next LSAC is scheduled for when Kate returns the week of February 13th.

## Volunteer Report

None at this time.

## Professional Development

Classified evaluations have been made. All classified staff have completed training courses as required by LPSD and the State of Alaska. Kate and Stephanie attended the RTI conference at the end of January and were encouraged by the inspiring sessions they were able to attend.

## Pupil Attendance

Attendance for the month of December was below 50% in part because many of our students traveled out of the village with their families. It is picking back up as folks come back from break and get back to routines.

## Student and Staff Safety

Meshik School continues to provide all students with a safe and suitable learning environment which will be enhanced with student's improved attendance and completion of classwork. We continue to work with the village, LSAC, and district office to ensure safety during inclement weather, both on site and on bus rides to and from the school.

## Subsistence Calendar

High School students have been involved in caribou hunting with several animals taken.

## Other

