

HAROLD KAVEOLOOK SCHOOL

North Slope Borough School District



SAC Report October 1st, 2021

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The Harold Kaveolook School SAC committee met on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. A survey group was on site in August to inspect and survey the burn site of the old school. We have received no further information from that visit. We are fully staffed with 4 new teaching staff members, a new principal, and a new custodian. The following are new staff members:

Annie Combest-Friedman -ECE
Mirabelle Blossom – K-1st
Dirk Apolonio – 2-3rd
Tawnya Weaver – Special Education
Bradley Brower – Custodian
Chris Hanson - Principal

We still have an ECE aide and a cook's helper position posted. The school year has started very well and we were able to complete almost 100% of our MAP testing before we moved to the Red Operational Zone on September 14th through September 24th due to 2 positive COVID-19 cases in the community. On September 27th, we returned to the Green Operational Zone and celebrated the return to school with a Spirit Week. After-school tutoring has begun and many students are taking advantage of the opportunity. The availability of substitute teachers is an ongoing struggle, but we are currently in the progress of recruiting local subs from the community for our building. On August 12th, the Harold Kaveolook School COVID-19 Response Team met to establish safe protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. We are happy to report that current protocols are in place and being adhered to and we have not had any COVID-19 cases in the community due to school-related transmission. The community was able to successfully harvest 3 whales this fall and students were able to participate in this cultural event. Future plans are also underway to have an Inupiaq Day celebration later in December as well as another in the spring along with a spring culture camp.