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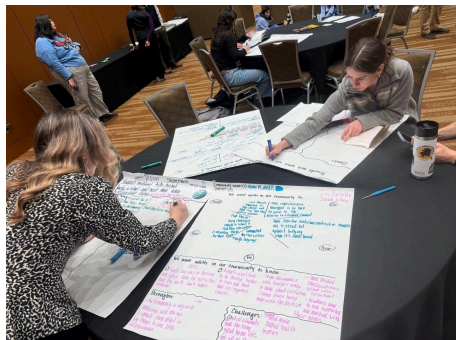
To: NPS Board

From: Sara James

Subject: December Board Report

Student Council:

- Ivy and I attended the Youth Leadership Institute Annual Conference hosted by the Alaska Association of School Boards last month. I was there representing Educators Rising while I also helped Ivy represent Nome when I could. At the conference we did a lot of team building, resiliency training and leadership development based activities. There was also a focus on engaging with other students across the state. We also heard from Lisa Murkowski on empowering the youth and her personal experiences. One of the main focuses of the conference was creating an Empowerment Planning Project Vision Board that sets goals for the future of their school and/or programs. The Educators Rising board focused on outreach and effective communication across the state. The Nome board had focused increasing rigor in schools while also preparing the students for that rigor. Other goals from the Nome vision board included more action in student council, more connection to culture in our school, and encouraging all students to make change. *The first photo is Ivy and I presenting our vision board to the other students, the middle photo is Ivy working on the vision board, and the last photo is all the students at the conference posing for a photo with Lisa Murkowski.*



- Our Student Council is also focusing on a community service project that will be submitted to AASG once completed. We threw around a couple ideas such as compost bins, trash pick up, or shoveling snow, but we ultimately decided to host a food drive. We will make the food drive a competition between grades. The grade with the most non-perishable food items will win a prize.

- We are also participating in the Fireman's Carnival and hosting the cake-walk as a fundraiser. We have been working on the planning for that which involves assigning shifts, gathering and making Christmas themed decorations, and making sure we have enough cakes.
- We are planning to have a Christmas themed assembly. We are also currently doing a secret santa. Every locker will have a stocking and the assigned people will be announced soon.
- We are currently working on a parliamentary procedure to include Youth Court as a viable option to replace disciplinary actions such as suspensions.
- We have made an amendment to our student council constitution to add a position. This position is called public relations and will be in charge of online management, advertisement, and communicating with other programs. It will be an executive position. This position will be open to other students and the vote will take place next week.
- The middle school student council has held their elections and now have elected and filled positions. We invited the President and Vice President to one of our meetings. We have also sent three members including me to watch one of their meetings. I saw a lot of potential and it was really great to see their communication skills and motivation to make change.

Issues from the Student Body:

- We started recommendation boxes at school where our class representatives host a table with a box and a list. Here are some of the responses:
 - 8 forms about thicker toilet paper
 - 7 forms requesting vending machines
 - 4 forms for larger portions of food
 - 4 forms for hall monitors, they would watch for bullying, vaping, and wandering in the halls.
 - 2 forms for neater bathrooms
 - 1 form about longer periods to change schedules
 - 1 form suggesting administration to be closer to students
 - 1 form requesting more variety in menstrual products
 - 1 form requesting higher quality bathroom products
 - 1 form opposing the snack policy
 - 1 form voicing their concerns about the bathrooms smelling like vapes
 - 1 form about longer lunch
 - 1 form about the underclassmen skipping class
 - 1 form requesting an art class for next semester.

- Other issues brought to our attention include:
 - Opening the library and;
 - Considering a weighted gpa (grade point average).
- We were brainstorming some things about the food issues mentioned last meeting, although we mainly focused on the food waste. We came up with the idea about having a compost bin but we think there may be a lot of obstacles such as heavy management and low student participation.

Student Activities:

- Volleyball girls went to volleyball state where they put up a good fight.
- Our seniors are working on painting the plow after they decided their design.
- Girls Basketball, boys basketball, and cheerleading started practice last Wednesday, December 3rd.
- The girls and boys basketball teams have their first travel this month December 18th-20th at a Grace Christian Tournament. They will also have an Alumni Tourney on December 27th.
- The cheerleading team is hosting a candy gram fundraiser for \$10.
- The varsity wrestling team went to Anchorage where they went to both a Grace Christian tournament and a Wasilla High School Tournament. Wrestling regionals will be next week and the following weekend will be the state tournament.