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Board Report December 15th, 2021 Deidre Jenson

Area Principal (On-Island Outer-site Schools)

Professional Development: We held in-service on December 10th. We planned for in-person, but unfortunately, due to severe road conditions, many chose to join virtually, however it is very nice to be able to connect even though it is through space. We completed Narcan training with the help of Kara McCoy at public health, spent time planning for enrichment and electives, and the teachers always appreciate the opportunity to collaborate and share classroom strategies. We ended the day with some Christmas celebrations.

*Barry C Stewart Kasaan School: Local artists visited the school to assist in the making of Native drums. Older students helped younger students learn to make slime and elephant toothpaste and the science continued with the older students learning about ph, acidity, and alkalinity levels in local water.







*Hollis School: Hollis school continues to grow in numbers with their full-time student population up to 18 with two pre-K students. They continue to press on through the water and heat challenges. They were flexible and made some significant adjustments as they were without water and one day they had to shut down and will be rescheduling a make-up day soon. We are putting a call out to community members to increase our attendance during our ASC meetings. Sadly, we are losing our Americorp workers as they are on to new adventures. Thank you so much Sabrina and Denae for all your help and work with our students.

*Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School: The business class is busy learning about sales journals and expenditure sheets. They have purchased car detailing products and now offering car detailing. The proceeds will be added to the ASC fund. The student store also continues to operate. They have a visiting writer to work with the students. They have recently added five new students. Santa visited and students read their letters to Santa and then presented gifts to the students. We some staffing changes in Coffman Cove; Ms. Dihn will no longer be part time AK-trails but will be working full time with the Howard Valentine students. We are adding some paraprofessional hours to assist Ms. Dihn, as well as some virtual teachers to deliver some distance education classes

*Naukati School: Student population in Naukati has also increased significantly. Laura Anania and one other student that joined in the scuba classes passed and are now scuba certified. Plans for another class next semester is in the works. The students have been working hard in culinary class preparing to perform during the Christmas program. Santa joined after the program that had a lot of attendees. Cassandra Christopherson will be teaching full time AK-trails after Christmas but will continue to work at the school and participate in after school activities. Sharlet Collins will be joining the staff full time in Naukati bringing the full-time teacher count to two.

*Whale Pass: One of the most fun things observed this month was the young students participating in the ASC meeting. They were making motion and seconds (with guidance from the adults) and voting. There were some votes that were stated as adult voting topics. They were excited to be involved and it seemed they felt very grown up as they followed Robert's rules. High rigor is a common occurrence in Whale Pass.

State and Federal Programs

*Carl Perkins: We have recently decided to continue with the Carl Perkins grant. We will soon be reaching out to local industries and communities to complete our comprehensive needs assessment to begin our strategic plan for career and technical education.

*The Literacy Grant has hired a Consortium Program Manager, Kerri Deal. She will be meeting the teachers on our January 7th in-service.

*Title Programs have and will continue to be discussed at ASC meetings. Input from stakeholders is critical in decision making for the use of these funds. Title programs are to be used to provide extra resources to students that are not at a proficiency level in their academics. Ideas for meeting the needs of these students can vary greatly and if anyone would like to brainstorm suggestions, give input or have questions about these grants, please email djenson@sisd.org or call the district office at extension 206.

Sincerely,

Deidre Jenson,

Area Principal, State and Federal Programs