



Nome-Beltz Middle High School

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To: NPS Board

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Subject: April Board Report

Student Council:

- Our clothes drive is going very well, we have accumulated over a dozen bags. At the end of the month, all collected clothes will be cleaned and divided for surrounding villages later this month.
- The recycling bins are also going well, we have installed bins in most classrooms. We have collected a few bags as well.



- We are currently planning a spring clubs hallway fair to advertise our current available clubs and clubs for next year.
- Our two senior representatives, Cassidy Martinson and Kive Shannon, thought of coat hangers and full body bathroom mirrors as a solution to crowded bathrooms. The orders for these have been placed and will hopefully be installed by the end of the year.

Issues from the student body:

- Seniors feel unprepared this year, especially with the scholarship packet due last week. Similarly, seniors feel that most secondary education preparation could start sooner, alleviating stress senior year.
- Students planned to go to the city council meeting Monday April 13th to push for more school budget.

- Many students have complained about the toilet paper being too thin and low quality. We have talked about this issue in the student council, but we are unsure what to do.
- After the NNYLO Conference, many students felt inspired to bring more Inupiaq culture and presence into the school; it will be further talked about with NNYLO and student council. Some ideas include saying the pledge in Inupiaq, having more Inupiaq-related classes and decorations.
- Many students have come to the student council complaining about teachers losing homework or being behind on grading. For some solutions we have talked about involving more student grading, but it will be discussed more.
- Many students have complained about the bus schedules being inconsistent.

Student Activities:

- 10 students traveled to Berkley California for Nome's Native Youth Leadership Organization. On this trip, students learned about the importance of indigenous leadership in youth and what youth can do in their communities. Students attended workshops, lectures, and networked with attendees from across the country. Pictured below are three photos from the trip: the left photo is a group photo with all of the students, the middle photo features Nutaasaq Ahnangnatoguk and Piniq Ahnangnatoguk, the right photo features 6 students talking to Samantha Skenandore.



- Some students were inspired to look into a One Fair Wage campaign in Nome after hearing one of the keynote speakers, Saru Jayaraman, talk about her experience.
- Nome Youth Court will host their annual United Youth Courts of Alaska conference this weekend April 11-12th.
- NYO is currently practicing for NYO State, which will be held April 16th-18th.
- Track found a coach and is currently practicing.