



NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nancy Rock, President
Members of the School Board

THROUGH: David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator 

FROM: Chelsie Overby, Board Secretary

DATE: October 5, 2022

SUBJECT: School Advisory Council
Meeting Highlights

Memo No: SB23-058
(Informational Item)

NSBSD 2020-2025 Strategic Plan:

2.0 Community Engagement: Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.

2.3 SAC: Evolve the role of the School Advisory Council (SAC) as community leaders and advocates for education.

Issue Summary:

Ałak School in Wainwright, AK: August 24 & September 8 Meetings

1. Plant manager report consisted of: bus route change; food shortage, increased food storage from new connex freezer, and SY23 frozen and dry goods on backhaul for the barge; emergency generator not ready for service; and a fully functional pool and need of lifeguards.

The SAC requested an update on Ałak School's renovation schedule.

2. Counselor report consisted of: 11 seniors on track to graduate in Spring of 2023; teacher shortage; and 11 students in the On-the-Job training program.

SAC members recommended the counselor spend time with Middle and High School students due to the emotional changes they are undergoing.

3. Principal report consisted of: picture day; student enrollment; challenges of student activities such as a lack of a cross country coach and unable to receive physicals for students to participate in sports; preparation for Cultural In-Service; need of internal school cameras to reduce bullying and vandalism activity; students out of school for subsistence hunting;

The SAC recommended researching different brands of cameras, review of teacher protocols, and installation of mirrors. The SAC President will draft a letter to the Board of Education recommending these purchases for school safety.

Ałak School SAC discussed the following: unified school calendar change due to teacher shortage and use of the Distance Elevate K-12 learning platform for schools being utilized for one ELA class and three more being necessary; SAC Election procedures; SAC member resignations of Edna Ahmaogak and Linda Agnasagga and necessary procedures for appointment; and Staff concerns following complaint procedures.

The SAC recommended the school create a newsletter as another form of communication with the community and training program for plant managers to improve operations within the school.

Meade River School in Atkasuk, AK: September 6 Meeting

1. Plant Manager report consisted of: summer projects such as maintaining teacher housing, flooring, and general maintenance, water heater replacement and pump installation; Gym usage for camps and organizations over the summer; Success of the culture camp; Pool condition and readiness needing lifeguards; and poor condition of the outside school playground.

2. Principal report consisted of: Student enrollment; high attendance rate and incentives such as back-to-school spaghetti feed and raffle, parent/student contact, flexible pathways to return to school, and home visits; staff shortage and vacancies; school-wide morning assemblies for the pledge of allegiance, announcements, and student recognitions; 8th grade students utilizing 9th grade classrooms due to middle school class size; Culture camp activities; and Sports activities.

The Meade River School SAC discussed the following: Elections; hiring process; student behavior on school grounds after school hours.

The SAC recommended the school shut the Wi-Fi off at 10:30PM to reduce loitering on school grounds and enforce curfew.

Barrow School Advisory Council in Utqiagvik, AK: September 6 Meeting

Kiita Learning Community's report consisted of: Student Council activities and legislative meetings with the house representatives in Juneau; Summer credit recovery; Thirteen graduates from Kiita; Student attendance increase; Increase in student testing in math and English; Student enrollment; Staffing shortage; Need for cameras due to rise in vandalism and attempted arson;

The SAC suggested additional funding sources from the City clerk for the funding surrounding a junior council.

Barrow High School's report consisted of: student enrollment; Additional class subject offerings with increase in students; Staffing and split FTE's.

Eben Hopson Middle School's report consisted of: Student enrollment; Positive school climate; Community engagement in after school activities/events; and Student activities.

The SAC discussion regarded: Providing food for teachers and paraprofessionals; Calendar discussion and timeline; On-the-Job training; and invited the student councils to attend the SAC meetings.

Kali School in Point Lay, AK: September 8 Meeting

1. Principal report consisted of: Student enrollment; Staffing; Added duty contracts; Distance Elevate learning for 7-12 math and science classes; MAP and AIMSweb testing; Elections; Sports athletics schedule; Student council elections in early September; school incident report and conflict resolution and anti-bullying training for students.

The Kali School SAC discussed the following: Sports athletics schedule; Board policy updates for BP 0410, 4030, and 5145.3; Three students attending Alaska Excel September 8-13; teacher housing; Bus route change; Increasing night recreation supervision; Student activities;

The SAC suggested writing a letter to the Native Village of Point Lay for support regarding additional night recreation supervision.