

Nunamiut SAC report - April 2018

1. Fire and School cleanup - as you are well aware we had a fire here in AKP which led to a 5 day school closure. We have the make-up days scheduled throughout the rest of the school year. We want to express our gratitude to those that have helped with cleanup and getting our school opened back up for the students. We also are anxiously awaiting the borough's clean up plan for the community and school grounds.

2. Mayor's office collaboration - Our SAC approached the mayor's office with an idea for NSB employees who would like to volunteer. The idea is that NSB employees can volunteer up to 5 hours a month in the school while still on the clock with their job. I've included the letter from the mayor's office below if you would like to read it:

1. *Good Morning, The North Slope Borough has partnered in the past with the Nunamiut School Advisory Committee (SAC) in Anaktuvuk Pass to bring in volunteers to the school. The volunteer program consists of up to five hours a month (about 1-1.5 hours/week), assisting in K3-6th grade classrooms; and will encourage more parent and community involvement in the school, provide the students with an opportunity to learn about the different jobs in the community, and build healthy relationships between students and adults. Furthermore, this will bring parents into their children's classroom(s) and allow them to see how their children interact. Thank you, Lucia L. Johnston*

3. Spring has sprung - as usual for AKP, this time of year is full of student travel and visitors to our school.

a. Basketball - Girls and Boys teams competed at regionals with the Boys advancing to the state competition and taking second place. The girls team brought home the Sportsmanship and academic awards from regionals.

b. MYAC - we had 5 students that traveled with MYAC to Hawaii for the close up program, reports are that they really enjoyed learning about foreign affairs and, as we all expected, they loved exploring Hawaii as well.

c. Student Council - Debbie Mekiana took 4 students to Chicago for a student council convention. They learned about being good leaders and had a successful trip.

d. Prom in Barrow - as you are aware the Prom and Regional tournament were moved to Barrow - we'd like to acknowledge and congratulate our staff and students that adapted and put together a wonderful dance for the district and express our gratitude for their hard work.

e. Arctic Winter Games - Abi fry was selected for team Alaska Basketball. The team traveled to Ft. Smith Canada and brought back the gold Ulu. Abi reports that it was a wonderful trip - the hospitality of the host city was welcoming and warm and the athletes from around the world were fun to watch and mingle with.

f. We currently have a group called Down to Earth visiting our school - they are working with our 4-5th grade class, discussing environmental preservation. 6 students from their school in Washington will be joining us next week.

g. SKIKU - will be here in two weeks, and then a skijoring group will be here the week after.

h. World Bridge activities - the drones are getting some fly time in Mr. Daub's class, and several outdoor activities are scheduled and plans are being finalized (School picnic, ice fishing trip)

i. NYO is gearing up for competition - there will be several students headed to NYO at the end of April for competition.

j. Graduation will be on May 5th - We'd like to extend an open invitation to the school board for any of you to join us as we celebrate the AKP students who will graduate. On that note, we'd like to let you know that Senior Dyrell Lincoln has been accepted to, and plans to attend UAF in the fall.

4. Concerns

a. School board meeting times - Once again I would like to bring up meeting times. The school board being held during the school day exclude staff from being able to participate in something that greatly affects their livelihood. We know that not all of the school board meetings need to be held during a teacher's out of school hours, but we'd like to ask you to reconsider your meeting times to be more inclusive of school staff.

b. School/borough schedule/travel calendar - we know we can't prevent everything from overlapping simply because there is a lot going on in our borough and school district. However, it would be fantastic if we could be aware of what's going on in the future to help us make the best decisions for our school. Here's an example: Our basketball team had a trip scheduled for February to NUI, however, several of our boy's players and all of our girls team had MYAC and Student council trips to Hawaii and Chicago respectively. Could we please find a way to implement a functional, well thought out calendar system to communicate effectively with all entities that will include district travelers, student athletics, and the borough travelers?

Respectfully Submitted,

Nunamiut School SAC