

## Nunamiut School SAC Board Report

Nunamiut School has 105 students PK3 to 12<sup>th</sup> grades. We have ten teachers, a counselor, Sp Ed teacher Inupiaq teacher, and principal. We have five aides, four maintenance staff, two kitchen staff, and a bus driver.

Our SAC members are:

Nolita Madros, President  
Richard Gordon, Vice President  
Jalen Sheldon, Secretary  
Violet Kakinya, FPPAC member  
Lillian Stone

March 11 was the date when it all began. Of course, everyone had heard reports in December, January, and February about the growing pandemic in China. But most of us dismissed those reports. We began to get a little nervous when reports of deaths in Washington state were received in February. Seattle is pretty close to Alaska. But who would have imagined that they would cancel the 1A State Basketball Tournament. That was quickly followed by the cancellation of the NCAA tournament, the rest of the NBA season, hockey, and baseball. Then we all realized how serious it was.

On March 13 our district had a snow day and later that day it was announced that schools would be closed March 16-27. Starting on March 23, we began distributing homework packets to all our students. Meals for students and seniors were carry-out only. Eventually it was determined to extend that at-home policy through the end of the school year.

We want to thank all the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who have worked with our teachers and staff to make this once in a life-time transition.

Our teachers are now in the process of developing plans for a summer school program May 18 to June 5 and July 6 to July 24. This program will assist middle school students to improve their reading and math skills. It will help high school students complete work for credit recovery classes.

In the midst of this transition, we identified a search committee to assist our principal in hiring three new staff. These staff will be considered later today in the board meeting for approval.

Teresa Dowdy Vossler, from Bethel, will be our new Secondary Math teacher.  
Brandi Bowles, from Dallas, Texas, will be our new Sixth Grade teacher.  
Candis Cook, from Dallas, Texas, will be our new K-12 PE/Health teacher.

Our teachers have been meeting to review our school discipline policies, and to design a welcome back celebration in the fall. We hope to have a series of meetings with our parents

and grandparents to thank them for their help this spring, and to prepare them for the possibility of future shutdowns.

We are planning a special Graduation Parade on Wednesday, May 6. Kindergarten students, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will gather at 5 p.m. to decorate the vehicles, then at 5:30 they will put on caps and gowns and take pictures. At 6 p.m. they will receive their diplomas one at a time on the porch and they get in one of four vehicles. At that point the cars will parade through the village. When the parade is concluded, they will return to the school and receive their diplomas to take home.

On Wednesday, August 19, at 6 p.m. we will have Back-to-School Graduation with the community to be held in the gym.

We thank the Board for your support to our school during this challenging period of our lives.