

Student Representative Report March 2023

District-Wide Student Council

Applications are now open, and students are able to apply! Any student who will be a sophomore, junior or senior for the upcoming school year is encouraged to apply. Applications are due March 10th, but an extension will be considered based on input from students.

Peer Tutoring

Mr. Jenkins, principal at Barrow High School is in the process of identifying high school students who have open, non-conflicting spaces in their schedule to go over to Fred Ipalook Elementary School to engage in the peer tutoring/mentor program. There is continued communication between BHS and IPK principals in order to ensure this will become an option for students during quarter 4. The goal is to implement this peer tutoring/mentor program in all communities, not just Utqiagvik. I, along with other BHS students are really excited for this to begin!

Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG)

As mentioned in the February work session, I have made it one of my goals to ensure that there is more NSBSD representation at the AASG conferences besides students from Barrow High School. The past few weeks, I have been communicating with Frances Itta and Ronald Kippi Kingik of Meade River School, helping them in any way that I can in order to get them prepared to attend the Spring AASG Conference in Skagway. Once specifics are figured out, they should be registered and ready to attend in April! There are also two students from Tikigaq School who have expressed interest in attending. I am working with Lori, Mrs. Knapp (BHS student council advisor) and other members from the sites to help get those four students ready to attend AASG. We are all very excited, considering this will be the first ever AASG conference where the North Slope will have more than just BHS students in attendance.

Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention Activities

National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week is March 20th-26! Currently, Alaska remains the only state who does not have some sort of event registered for this. So, on March 7th, (all sites were invited) students from Kiita and Tikigaq school met

over zoom with Lori and Laura Webb (counselor at Barrow High School) in order to discuss possible events around the topic of substance abuse. Kiita Learning Community will be holding a Free Book Fair on April 15th from 1-4pm where they will have various substance abuse awareness activities taking place. Tikigaq School is still in the process of brainstorming ideas, and there will be a follow-up meeting on March 29th, with more schools/students in attendance.