

## Site Report – Tanalian School @ Port Alsworth – October, 2019

To: Superintendent Ty Mase,  
LPSD School Board Members, and PTA LSAC

From: Nate Davis, Principal

### Outstanding Activities and Events

1. Lynx XC Running-Congratulations! ASAA State Championships showed Tanalian students performing with excellence: Lynx Malea Voran (7<sup>th</sup>), Ellah Wardell (8<sup>th</sup>), Ali Voran (24<sup>th</sup>), joined Faith Clark and Eileen Lester of NEW to form the first-ever Sockeye Co-Op and earned a team score that landed them in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the State Meet! Lynx Coleson Voran (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Daniel Wardell (5<sup>th</sup>) also joined the Sockeye Co-Op and their team finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.
2. Lynx VB- Congratulations to the Lynx spikers as they have only one loss on their record after a couple dozen games, including winning the Nikolaevsk Tournament and the Tanalian Lynx-3 Invitational. They head to Newhalen this weekend and Unalakleet next weekend to ready for the District/Regional Mix3/Mix6 tournament hosted by Tanalian in Port Alsworth.
3. Student Government put on a really nice Harvestfest event, complete with dinner, carnival games, cakewalk, and basket auction. It was a great community event and a nice fundraiser for student activities.

### Personnel

1. This year, Principal Davis is inaugurating his Principal's Achievement Awards, which will recognize his teachers for improving student scores, improving proficiency levels, and graduating students on time as College Ready, Career Ready, or both.

### Standards Based System/Curriculum Progress

1. Most Tanalian students continue to progress at least one standards level per subject each year. Several of our students are mostly done with graduation requirements and are tackling advanced high school or college classes via distance.
2. Each at-risk student has a specially designed schedule, grouping, and/or additional staff support in each at-risk subject.
3. Integrated Science students hand-built tiny trebuchets, after calculations, and demonstrated proficiency in launching a marble. Physics class is building a trebuchet 6-8' tall to launch larger masses for greater distances.



### Technology Progress

1. After a visit by Sam Rigby and more tweaks after he left, the Tanalian Internet is the best it has been all year. Thank you, Sam, and tech crew!
2. Presence Learning's platform for speech therapy continues to run slowly on our wifi, but we are trying to remedy the situation with hard-wired Ethernet, by locating wire and working outlets in a convenient location during the school day.

### **Facility Update**

1. All is well on the northern front, except for the minor day-to-day adjustments.

### **LSAC Activity**

1. LSAC met regularly in October for normal business, but also heard two student reports on Experiencing Out projects completed over the summer. Five more students are due to present tomorrow (See LSAC minutes for more detail).

### **Volunteer Report**

1. Mark and Andrea McGee- Tournament Director and Booster Club VB tournament help
2. Willie Nickols- VB tournament help
3. Marcus Hostetler- VB tournament help
4. Michael Etuckmelra- VB tournament help
5. Brett & Christie Zimmerman- VB tournament help
6. Salina Alsworth- VB tournament help
7. Sherri Davis- VB tournament help
8. Erin Beebe- VB tournament help
9. Aaron Dalton- VB tournament help
10. Teagann Smith and her crew of LiveStream camera operators- VB tournament help
11. Lelya Alsworth- and all the many cooks who supported the Hospitality Room and Booster Club
12. Student Government and all the other students, teachers, and community members who stepped up

### **Professional Development**

1. The new Monday Inservice (onsite) after our Fall Inservice (in Naknek) was very well received and very much appreciated by teachers and principals alike. Teachers used the day to collaborate and reflect and then to re-design 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter classroom activities after taking in all the good information at Fall Inservice.
2. Continuing: Noting that our ELA scores are consistently higher than our Math scores (even with the same students and teachers) and 24 points above math this past year, the Tanalian teachers all agreed to take a college math professional development course from Stanford to try to help our students catch up to themselves. We are using our Tuesday PD time to make the big strides in that class, but each is independently responsible. We appreciate their willingness to grow to hestudents!

### **Pupil Attendance**

1. We are off to a good start this year, but apparently from our SSS Report, we had a few students who missed more than 10% of the school year last year. We were 97% present in October.

### **Student and Staff Safety**

1. With the oncoming darkness and cold, we have targeted messages toward vehicle, ATV, animal, darkness, and cold weather safety.

### **Subsistence Calendar**

1. Continuing: The only concerns we hear voiced consistently are the speedy pace through curriculum during the school months and the lack of learning during the extended summer months. We really appreciate Ty's Summer Bridge program and had 5 elementary students complete their books with 4

more students partially completing books and we hope this catches on! This type of offering has the potential to mitigate some of those concerns.

**Other**

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