

Harold Kaveolook School
SAC Report for May 1 2017

It has been very busy the past several months at Harold Kaveolook School. It has been very challenging having a SAC meeting as 2 of our SAC members were out for extended times, and we had 1 SAC member resign. We want to congratulate Alicia Solomon, and the family on their new addition, baby girl Marietta! We would also like to thank Amanda Kaleak for her service on the SAC, and welcome our newest SAC member Sharon Thompson/Lord.

On February 24th, substantial completion of the remodel/new gym was completed and we were allowed to move in. This was just days before the regional basketball tournament/prom, which was hosted by HKS. We had a great 3-day event, which was preceeded by a blizzard on Tuesday the 27th. It was clear on Wednesday and every team was able to make it in. We then had another blizzard Thursday and Friday, but the games went on. It was impressive to see the resilient fans come up to the school to cheer the teams on. We are proud of our RAMS; both girls and boys received the academic award, and the boys placed second in the regional basketball tournament.

Our students did very well in the Battle of the Books this year. Our Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes came in first place, with only one student representing the Kindergarten class. Our 1st, 3rd, and Middle School teams all placed 2nd place. We are very proud of them for working so hard and doing so well. Our students recently completed PEAKS testing. HKS had to do the paper and pencil testing due to technology limitations. This week the Skiku program has been in Kaktovik. Our students truly enjoy the opportunity to learn how to cross country ski and are getting to be quite good at it.

On March 28th, central office called HKS and informed us they would be changing the new superintendent visit from Nuiqsut to Kaktovik. Everyone scrambled to prepare for this event. The HKS high school students completed a presentation to the candidates, and the SAC asked a number of questions. On April 4th, HKS had a gym dedication in conjunction with the North Slope Borough Assembly meeting, which was held in Kaktovik. We appreciate the support we had from everyone who attended the event. HKS graduation will be on May 5th. Our 2017 graduates are Jonas MacKenzie and Georgianna Tikluk. Spencer Conley will be out to speak at the graduation. Both students will be attending Ilisagvik College in the fall. We want to wish them luck in their future endeavors. A long-time teacher to the North Slope and HKS will be leaving at the end of the year. We want to thank Jill Exe for her commitment to our students and wish her the best.