

Hydaburg City School District
April 25, 2017
Principal's Report

School Climate

School Climate continue to be positive. Several parents informed the school on how pleased they have been with the visible improvement in their children's behavior. Several made comments about their children being respectful, even at home.

Chasing the Dragon

A panel of experts from several agencies on POW, SERHC, Community Connections, Alaska State Mental Health Board, and the FBI held a community forum on Opioids, Drugs and Alcohol use and abuse.

A sizable crowd from Klawock and Hydaburg turned out for the presentation. Students from grades 6-12, teachers and staff were there as well.

Our students sat through the whole presentation without any problems.

Mrs. Colleen Watson was instrumental in bringing the panel to Hydaburg. Thank you Colleen.

Lice in School

Hydaburg City School has a policy that has been in effect since last year. The policy speaks to treating students with dignity and respect. Procedures are being followed whereby staff do check students when the office is informed about the presence of lice in the classroom. Head checks are conducted during the last part of the day so as to prevent student from missing the whole school day.

When lice are detected a letter is sent to parents informing them about the presence of lice in school. Parents of those students believed to have lice are called and lice shampoo is offered for treatment.

Several students coming back from the State Basketball Tournament were believed to have live lice. Those students were treated at the hotel before they came home. The following week students were checked and three students in the elementary had knits (dead) in their hair. Live lice were found on Middle and High School students.

A letter was sent home to inform parents of the presence of lice in school.

Classroom Environment

In most cases students are doing pretty good job keeping up with the academic work. We are beginning to see some students getting the Spring Fever and wanting to be outside more as the days are longer and warmer.

Several teachers took advantage of the sunny days last week and took their students on field trips.

Elementary students are enjoying swim lessons this last week. Teachers in grades K-3 have been taking their students to the pool in Craig to swim. Grades 4-5 will take their turn at the pool this week.

Soccer

The first ever Hydaburg Elementary Soccer Tournament took place on Saturday April 22, 2017 from 10:am to 12:00pm. Everyone there had a great time. Schools representing SISD participated in the tournament as well as elementary students from Hydaburg City School.

Students, parents and the audience had a great fun.

Many thanks to the coaches, teachers parents from Hydaburg and SISD for making this event possible.

Phlight Club

Students from Hydaburg Middle and High School participated in the Phlight Club activities held in Coveman Cove. Participants had a great time there. Thanks to Amy McDonald and the staff supervising the event.

Federal Grants Conference

Pricilla, David and I participated in the two-day workshop in Anchorage. The workshop helped clarify new changes in the law that affects the application process and the restrictions and allowable uses of federal funds currently received in our district.

Housing – Lease Agreement

A couple of our employees are applying to be foster parents. The teacher housing they are currently renting is not large enough to accommodate the number of children they intend to care for. With that said the board needs to consider two options.

1. Lease a larger house in the community
2. Let the employees out of their lease agreement with the District so they can rent directly from community members.

The positive side of the employees ability to foster children is that they will be able to prevent children from having to be removed from the community. In addition, they will be able to bring new students in from outlying areas should there be a placement made for children needing a foster home.

Of course, this would mean lesser revenue collected for teacher housing should they be allowed to break their housing lease.

Totem Correspondence

Totem Correspondence recruitment effort is dependent upon our ability to let the word out to potential parents and/or students. Our plan is to work with Mike Robins of Robins Agency owner of several radio stations. With your approval we will start recruiting starting the first week of May. His asking price is \$6,000.00/month for 52 slots a day on radio stations in Anchorage, Matsu, Kenai, Homer. He is willing to also send out PSA's to all radio station throughout the state.

We are hoping to recruit at least 100 students. If our goal is reached we may need to hire a person to help with the program. Cythia Stiegele has been volunteering her time serving the few students we have. Erin Wright takes care of elementary students in Fairbanks, while I cover two high school students on the Kenai.

Totem Correspondence will graduate it's first student this year. This is the same student that made it possible to get the \$2000 dollar grant Pricilla wrote for the Soup Kitchen.

Resignations

I received verbal notification from the secretary and head cook that they are resigning from their positions. The cook position was advertised and a candidate is being recommended for your approval. The secretary's position will on next month's staff recommendations for hire.

Staffing Need

With the Board planning to end the contract with SISD much of the responsibilities will have to be absorbed by our teachers and staff. With the additional load on the office, teachers and staff we need to hire for two positions:

High School Science
Totem Correspondence

Music Teachers

Stella and Jason are here this week to teach music (instruments, singing, and dance) to our students. Students in grades Pre-12 are receiving lessons in the library. A concert is planned for Friday for the community.

Upcoming Events

April 24-28	Music Lessons
April 25	Board Meeting
April 26	Indian Education/Title I Meeting
April 28	Community Concert
May 1-4	Food Services Training – Mr. Mwarey/Mrs. Pick
May 5-6	SAT Testing for select Juniors/Seniors
May 3-9	Mr. Mwarey in Hawaii attending funeral – Mr. Staley sub
May 13	Make Up Day – Sea and the Environment
May 13-18	Science Fair – Dr. Wendy Smythe and 7 Scientists - HCSD
May 15-16	University of Alaska Juneau Recruiter Visit
May 18	Science Fair Show for the Community – Small Gym
May 19	Graduation 6pm
May 22-24	College Orientation Trip
Nay 22-23	School Board Training – Timi Tullis – Hydaburg
May 26	School Closes
June 5-11	Parents Fising/Migrant Ed Summer School – Hollis
June 5- July 22	Summer Breakfast-Lunch Program
July 24-28???	Haida Culture Camp
Jul 31-Aug 22	Summer Lunch Program