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**NORTH SLOPE**  
BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
— *Striving For Excellence* —

TO: SAC Members  
FROM: Brian Schaffer, Principal  
DATE: 3/30/23  
RE: April SAC Report

**Enrollment:** Here are totals effective this morning; next school year's projections are to the right.

	SY23	SY24
ECE –	9	8
K –	6	7
1 –	6	6
2 –	10	6
3 –	4	10
4 –	2	4
5 –	7	2
6 –	7	7
7 –	8	7
8 –	5	8
9 –	2	6
10 –	5	2
11 –	5	5
12 –	3	5
Total –	82	83

**Attendance:**

- The office has reviewed all student attendance and sent letters home to families who are considered the highest at-risk; families are always encouraged to connect with the school to learn flexible ways a student may earn credit. Please see the attached independent project format.
- PowerSchool is now programmed to send an attendance reminder robocall when a student has not reported to school by 9:30 a.m. daily. The office will call any family of a student who leaves for lunch (reserved for students 8<sup>-12</sup> grade) and does not return.
- We are discussing a school-wide attendance acknowledgement in the form of an “Activity Day.” The premise is to link students in activities they enjoy as a reward for attending a minimum of 80% or 4/5 days. The proposal is to poll the students regarding which activities they would like (i.e. X-C skiing, basketball tourney, sewing, student store, sledding, movie) and link them with a teacher who is interested in the same activity. We would run school until 1 p.m. on Friday, April 7 and then reorganize in activity groups. This event would not only recognize solid attendance but would give an opportunity for people across the school to join together around common interests.

### **Personnel:**

- Gia Taylor is a substitute teacher who will be with us the rest of the year.
- Kathy Browder has been hired as our library aide.
- I have seen a handful of viable applicants for teacher vacancies next year. When I get an alert, I will email and call an applicant a minimum of two times each. On Saturday, I attended an ATP virtual Job Fair. I will continue to respond quickly to applicants as they come in.
- The second round of informal and formal evaluations and observations has begun. Teachers are receiving feedback from me; I am keenly interested in the lesson plan format, student engagement, and classroom culture led by every teacher.

### **Curriculum and Instruction Highlights:**

- State assessments in English, Math and Science are planned to begin this week. The testing window closes on Friday, April 28. Our schedule has the bulk of students completed by April 7; the remaining time will be used for any make-up tests.
- Night Rec proposal:
  - All students are invited to night rec Monday – Saturday.
  - If a student is late on any given day, they can make up the time by doing silent work (reading, classwork, homework – NO PHONES OR DEVICES) in the library during lunch or after school until 4 p.m.
  - Students who curse at teachers will be on the no rec list.
  - The school will communicate with home when and why a student is on the no rec list.
- Reviewing our projected student enrollment, student need, and district initiatives I am investigating a Jr/Sr High Model for grades 7-12 for next year, and a flexible literacy block for elementary students with assistance from the Curriculum and Instruction Department of the NSBSD. I am looking to create more flexible learning opportunities for all students based on their interests and performance data. As an example, attached is the Independent Project process. Frances has completed one and will present it at our meeting.
- NSBSD has proposing an Inupiaq immersion classroom, starting at ECE. It feels like Meade River School is well suited for this endeavor; I will be meeting with Director of the Inupiaq Education Department Tennessee Judkins prior to the next SAC meeting and will bring information for the SAC to consider.
- Robbin Perkins-Askew will be present at our meeting to discuss the student store.
- I have completed a Plan of Service and created a Google Drive filled with school and district information and documents for next year.
- Using grant funds and general funds, we have purchased an Arctic Oven winter tent and stove. We are also evergreening our camping supplies for next year's Fall Camp.
- Little Dribblers began this week with Tuesday and Thursday practices for 1-3 graders from 3-3:30 p.m. and 4-6 graders. Games were held this Saturday at 1 p.m.
- Parents will be receiving a Summer School interest form on Monday that is due back on Wednesday.