

Kalskag Board Report

April

Severin Gardner

Eliminate Bullying

In the next step of educating staff and students of bully awareness we are talking about delivering the message to students from different people. Too many times one person delivers a message over and over and it becomes routine and forgotten. By having different stakeholders discuss bullying with students it might make more connections with students that don't have an interest in someone else. This week Damen Bell Holter came back to Kalskag for the 6th time. He is an Alaska Native former NBA player who does youth and cultural speaking events around the country. He went to each classroom and discussed healthy relationship, valuing your self and being nice to everyone.

Increase Regional Partnerships

The Coast Guard is planning to visit Kalskag in April and presenting on water safety. They usually bring life vests to distribute to the community. They will be going to all three schools.

The public health nurse will be doing TB testing the last week of April. The state no longer requires the schools to assess the TB status of their students. There was a recent outbreak in TB in Kalskag. So in this case the public health nurse will come out and test our students.

Increase Academic Performance

GMSHS Staff is taking a new approach to the star reading test. We are setting personal goals for each student to try to motivate students to do their best. When students don't try on the STAR test it does not give a valid score. With out a valid score it's nearly impossible to place the student in the correct RTI tier. This will be the first part of our plan for the GMSHS to receive RTI intervention strategies for secondary students during the April In-service.

The Staff at JOGES and ZLES will be receiving professional development on Phonemic awareness and site word interventions. This is part of our school improvement plan to get our RTI reading program to the next level.

Increase Community and Parent Involvement

The SAC is planning on revamping the student government for next year. One of the initial ideas is to create a student government at all grade levels. The idea would be to empower students and create a want and need for the student government at each level of education. This would create an environment that would increase school pride.

Integrate Alaska Native Culture

All three schools had their cultural week activities since the last report. Students at GMSHS went on a cultural moose hunt and delivered their catch to elders and community members. Students at ZLES created headdresses, dance fans and beadwork. ZLES students learned how to Yuraq (Eskimo Dance) and performed for the community. JOGES students learned how to bead bracelets, how to make dream catchers and Yuraqing with the high school students.

KALSKAG SAC minutes for 4/10/19

GMSHS commons

Present –			
Denise Reed- President	Maybelle Hoffman- Vice President	Louie Mallette Secretary	Severin Gardner - Principal
Absent			
Dionne Dorris – Absent excused	Open Seat B		

MH motion to approve agenda, DR second motion Carried

MH motion to approve minutes, LM second motion carried

Principal Report- Hiring freeze for counselor, State budget update, projected enrollment for next year. Principals efforts to find teachers on ATP.

Old Business- Further discussion on student government revival. Tabled till next meeting.

Further discussion on staffing for next year.

MH motion to write a letter to KSD board requesting another teaching position.

LM second motion carried.

New Business – Hiring issues in Kuspuk. A complaint was voiced to LM and MH about the resending of a letter of intent to a former Kalskag Teacher. A community member complained that it was not right; she was directed to attend the school board meeting and voice her concern.

DR wanted to see the edibility for sports have tougher requirements. A discussion was had about current requirements and not allowing F letter grades and still being able to play. SG said that we should find ways to help all students not just the student athletes. Students that are eligible are doing what they need to do to play. They are non-athletes that need help and motivation and could use our efforts and motivations ideas. Tabled till the next meeting.

MH wanted to build a more structured awards program for students. Discussion followed about the school improvement grant and there is a work session scheduled for 4/22 to build the awards program and attendance program.

LM wants to see lesson plans published online for parents and community members to be able to see what's going on in school. A discussion continued about KSD lesson plan templates and what could be done to post assignments.

MH motion for next meeting on May 1, 5:00pm at GMSHS. LM 2nd. Motion carried
MH motion to adjourn LM second 7:08.

ASAA Region 1 report

Marcus Dammeyer – Coach of the year for Mix 6 volleyball

Sports Practice volunteers and part time coaches

Volunteer coaches – need to have all certificates to be coaching if they are supervising kids alone without a certified coach. (Substitute coaches/fill in coaches.)

Any person that works with kids in practice need to have Concussion and Sudden cardiac arrest certs – (Free on Nfhslearn.com.) If there is a certified coach in the practice. All adults helping in practice need to be in the arbiter system.

Mix 6 volleyball revamp.

ASAA is proposing a 12 team seeded double elimination bracket at state. Based on prior conversations with coaches, Kuspuk supports this format. If this happens then the volleyball games would have to be recorded on ASAA 365 website and would be used for seeding.

X country running update

More discussion to remove 1A and 2A from the 3A race.

Discussion on how many runners to send to state for a 1A/2A only race.

Possible change to the top team (5 runners from the same team that won the region race) plus the next 3 fastest runners that aren't on the qualifying team.