

Upriver Schools Board Report
Steven Porter – Principal
3 February, 2017

K-12 Attendance (As of 3 February, 2017)

CVSS: **21** JJSS: **21** JESS: **14** GMS: **11**

January was a short month, having 14 days of teaching plus 2 days of in-service. But the 4 upriver schools have been productive with the start of the second semester.

Major changes have occurred at JJSS with Richard and Erlie Spencer taking over the teaching responsibilities there. Richard is teaching grades 4-12 and Erlie is teaching grades K-3. I met with them the last week of January in Crooked and although the pace is hectic, they are both adjusting well and their kids are fitting in nicely with the Crooked kids.

With that said, the student population in Crooked has increased quite dramatically. 2 students have returned to the school, 4 transferred in from GMS in Stony and the Spencers brought three of their own. Of the new arrivals, 3 are PreK, but that still leaves 21 K-12 students – a major increase.

On the flip side of that, Stony is now down to 11 K-9 students

The in-service worked out well. It was held on 10-11 Jan in Aniak for both Aniak and Upriver certified staff. The major themes were “Blended Learning” and “RTI Math”. We had coaches from SSOS delivering the professional development. We will be building on these trainings in the near future since the topics are extremely relevant to our district needs.

Tim Cline, another SSOS coach, is working with me to advance the learning process in Chuathbaluk at CVSS. The two of us visited CVSS on Tuesday and Wednesday (24-25 Jan) to develop a plan to focus on one to two specific areas of improvement. We will be working closely with all stakeholders at CVSS on these improvements. Tim will be with us monthly through the rest of the school year. We will be revising the school’s STEPP plan as well to truly reflect what the CVSS goals will be for next year and beyond. I will further use the information gained to implement in the other upriver schools, in particular, JJSS.

Tim is also here in the district to work with Aniak Jr/Sr HS. I am facilitating as needed to help the school, but I will leave this development up to Todd Boynton.

Report cards went out as scheduled and parent conferences are currently being held.

The annual Upriver Basketball Tournament is scheduled for Thursday/Friday 9-10 Feb. The tourney will be in Chuathbaluk this year and so far, there are approximately 15+ students signed up to attend. We do have some players upriver, in particular, our girls!

We had 3 upriver teachers attend the recent RTI conference. Over the next few weeks, I will be comparing notes with these teachers as to how they will be implementing what they learned in their respective classrooms. Overall, the conference, in my humble opinion, was extremely worthwhile.

That's it until next month.

Sincerely,

Steve Porter
KSD Upriver Principal