

Local School Advisory Committee  
February 19, 2026

Call to order: Evelynn 3:55pm

Roll call: Ayla, Kelsea, Evelynn

Approval of Agenda: Kelsea made motion to approve Ayla seconded AIF every said I

Previous minutes of 1/9/2026 Kelsea made motion to approve Ayla Seconded. AIF

Guest Reports: Joann Lester started her lessons with Mrs. Becca's class. Service projects in the community. Second week they steered them towards service projects and wrote a letter to the east wind band and thanks them for donating money to NIYAC school lunch program. Next week they will have a reflection.

Bill Cornell, Teacher contracts are due tomorrow across the district. One position in Newhalen, secondary teacher. Tudor for Newhalen couldn't place one here due to limited housing. FY27 school calendar was presented to the school board at the meeting last week, the school board proposed that they review a draft calendar, floating vacation days, all for final approval, the school board came up with a few different ideas. Ideas are to take two service days and make the student contact days from 150 to 152. Idea: starting school year in second week of September.

Elisabeth Ludwig, Raise awareness about the sources of strength program, a suicide awareness prevention training just for secondary. Really good resources from that program when our community needed.

Principal Report: Ed Lester, teams currently coming in, JR high traveling to super cub in Dillingham, regionals from HS next week. Wrapped up carnival, big thing on the horizon is AA meet in April and state testing a week prior. Interventions are down with low attendance due to kids being out sick. State testing is March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

1. School events, activities calendar, athletics

Student teacher/ Teacher Report

Chelsea Nelson, next week school site will be here to do evaluation on students, Therapist speech evaluations, potentially around 22 students on her case load. Students are covered and working with paraprofessionals and themselves.

Kristin; lv.6 math order of operations moving into integers + and -. Lv.7 equations working hard to get ready for travel. Lv. 8 math working on functions and linear equations. Lv.9 systems of equations moving into exponential equations. Consumer math working on taxes, and credit score.

ABBC free tax service.

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Marcie: 3<sup>rd</sup> finishing up reading and change in matter and matter based on science, math they are finished with unit 5 fractions and multiplication, interventions they've been using the IXL learning plan. Writing started research papers, some of the kids have done more research papers, research posters on regions of Alaska and the native people that inhabit that area. Cursive and DOL daily oral language.

Sydney: biology students last week looked at shark dissection and food webs and energy carrying capacity this week, brown bears in Alaska and how they are different in each national park. Science lv.8. Mutations and how DNA changes and how it can be good or bad. Traits of parents and guess what offspring will look like. Tech, making videos to try and sell emerging technology, pick one and advertise why you would want that type of technology. Younger life skills class making ancient cultural building did research and made a model of different little buildings that they learned about and compared to. Keep on working through PEP standards.

Kate, wrapping up poetry with middle level, upper level has started looking at shake spear going to start reading Romeo and Juliet. Littles argumentative writing wrote about whether chocolate or non-chocolate candies are better. Playing inside or outside is better. Next task is to write one on their own. Lv. 9 ss civil war, Fredrick Douglass Abraham Lincoln roles within the civil war and 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> amendment. Virtual tour of war. Littles just finished up roman history going into Greek history. Making sure everything is getting wrapped up.

Kelsea, preschool is working on the letter P this week, they made peacocks working on numbers, days of the week, month of the year, alphabet, new student, learning how to be kind through play.

NIYAC Report, Ayla Reported.

Student Reports, No students.

Denali Bybee presented how baking and selling baked goods is related to her PEP.

Scout Anelon presented on his experience summer commercial fishing in Naknek/Bristol Bay.

Laura Askoak: presented on her job working at IDC for the summer, working as the cashier, cleaner, barista, and cook.

Old Business:

1. Review board policies.

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2. BP 4180,4380,4280, Residency and remote work and AR 4180,4280,4380 residency and remote work
3. Newhalen school resolution 25-01 community letter from NIYAC response from LPSD – Bill, numbers have been looked at and will hopefully be shared. What is the number is it just food or labor as well. District can provide at a lower cost, “realization of where the money is going and how much money is funneled into Newhalen.” Going back to the thought as a desire is to not work with NIYAC and be cautious of the funding of where the funding is going. Community engagement is there when NIYAC is funding meals. District standpoint: lived and travel, he wishes they can hop on a plane and visit other sites, not taking away hard work and effort to do the amazing things going on here in Newhalen, because of the opportunity is provided and how much NIYAC has put in. and those that have traveled throughout the district there isn’t much opportunity. Allocated and funneled into one school, it needs to be looked at reality as a district. Reflection of a lack of leadership. I really encourage you to look at what’s going on at the state level. You’re obligated to your own opinion you are on LSAC you can advocate and advise the board.  
Equity equal thing, help sister schools, equity issues, 8 kids on a team not enough to support all students on the team at Newhalen.  
Bill: I see no reason that number can’t be shared, I would encourage NIYAC to request numbers for the jamboree, B, L, D.
4. State testing meal donation letter.  
Lydia Wassillie drafted letter, Evelynn needs to revise and send that out.  
Kelsea made a motion to approve art club, Ayla seconded.

Agenda items for next meeting.

Cow donated to school, Alaska farmers market association, shows the process of our donated cow.

Art club: Newhalen school does not currently have an art program, making an art club very desirable for those who wish to create and express themselves through drawing, painting, or experimenting with artistic mediums.

Loose schedule: week 1-2 print making – Lego flats and paint.

Week 3-4 watercolor illustrations (older) watercolor salt lines/ line art (younger)

Week 5-6 finish old projects or can bring stylized landscapes (suggestion only).

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Meeting adjourned, 4:54 Kelsea made the motion to approve, Ayla seconded

Next meeting March 25th