

AASG Spring Leadership Conference Tri-Valley High School "Be the Change!" April 11-13

General Assembly Minutes

I. Call to Order Emily Sexton

Meeting Called to Order at 5:15 pm.

II.	Roll Call	Shanelle Afcan
		1 student, 1 advisor
		7 students, 1 advisor
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		9 students, 2 advisors
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	Kenny Lake	4 students, 1 advisor
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	Kodiak	.12 students, 2 advisors
	Lathrop	4 students, 1 advisor
	Manokotak Nuaniq	1 student, 1 advisor
	Mat-Su Career	13 students, 2 advisors
	Merreline A Kengas	1 student, 1 advisor
	Meshik	1 student, 1 advisor
	Monroe	12 students, 2 advisors
	Mt. Edgecumbe	9 students, 2 advisors
	Newtok	3 students, 1 advisor
	North Pole	4 students, 1 advisor

Palmer	4 students, 1 advisor
Sand Point	2 students, 1 advisor
Service	3 students, 1 advisor
Sitka	3 students, 1 advisor
Skagway	
South Anchorage	
Thunder Mountain	2 students, 1 advisor
Togiak	3 students, 2 advisors
Tuntutuliak	5 students, 2 advisors
Tri-Valley	17 students, 1 advisor
Unalaska	
Wasilla	9 students, 1 advisor
West Anchorage	1 student
West Valley	

III. Election process for Region Reps Ariel Hasse Regions 1, 3, 5, and 7 will elect region representatives. All paperwork must be turned in before the region election. There is a candidate dinner today with EBoard and anyone interested in running for office.

IV. **General Announcements Emily** Every executive board member has a ribbon that delegates can receive by having a conversation with the Board members. If you respond to a question, you can get that ribbon. Nels will have offer h twitter challenges too.

V. Approval of Agenda **Emily**

Motion to Approve the Agenda Klawock/Kenny Lake Motion **Motion Passes**

VI. Spirit Trophy Alaina

At the last conference we did a spirit competition during GA. We have chosen a few things to judge regions on, so keep up your spirit.

5:40 recess-8:39pm Back to Order

#1 Spirit Trophy: For the best adjectives during roll call, the Spirit Trophy goes to The Region of love! Congratulations Region V!

- VI. Officer Introductions (Full Reports in conference packets)
 - i. Vice President Douglas McClenahan Douglas wants to recap the resolutions passed at the fall conference. Thorne Bay got five new crosswalks. A resolution regarding a dance dress code was brought to the school's principal and the dress code was adjusted. A resolution regarding honors classes received response from one school administer addressing every line in the resolution with comments.
 - ii. Secretary-Treasurer Afcan

Shanelle

Shanelle takes minutes for the board and the General Assemblies. She also serves on the Budget and the Healthy Choices Committee.

iii. Parliamentarian Ariel Hasse
As the parliamentarian, Ariel has been reviewing the
bylaws, increasing elections turnouts, and has been
serving on several committees. Ariel will be keeping us
in order during all general assemblies.

iv. Public Relations Nels Ure
Nels manages social networking sites for AASG, and
advertises awards and the spring conference. The awards
applications are due by 11 o' clock tonight.

v. SBEED Representatives Madison Manning, Carly Williams

Since the Spring conference, both Madison and Carly have been attending SBEED meetings. Madison serves on the SWAG Committee, Carly worked on AASG SERVES committee and the Scholarships committee.

vi. ASAA Representative Miles King Miles has attended two ASAA meetings, in which they discussed state bids, girls' hockey, track and field, scoreboards, and various other activities. The next ASAA meeting is April 21-22 in Cordova Alaska.

vii. Region I Representative: Stephanie
Nelson

Stephanie is the only student from Region I in attendance at AASG. Unfortunately her term is up, so she will be searching for a new Region Representative who can hopefully bring more schools from Region I to AASG conferences.

viii. Region II, Conference Registrar: Marin Durrenberger

Marin has been working on this conference and is excited that you are all here.

ix. Region III: Adam Zamudio
Adam says his term is up and Region III is looking
forward to elections.

x. Region IV: Alaina
Prince

Alaina serves on the Communications and SWAG committees and is excited to serve on the board.

xi. Region V: Royal Henderson Royal has been keeping Region V up to date. His term is also ending and knows of at least two candidates running for the region position.

xii. Region VI: Evyn Ysais
Region VI has meetings every month and recently
hosted their annual Junior High workshop.

xiii. Region VII:

Theron

Paul

Theron is happy that there are a lot of Region VII applicants for his position: four to be precise. He is sorry to be leaving.

xiv. President Emily Sexton
On behalf of AASG, Emily presented at the Alaska
Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, gave input on a
Hazing Bill in the Alaska State Legislature and is
continuing the AASG Serves Competition. Emily is
excited to be serving as President and looks forward to
the conference.

xv. Executive Director Report

Carol

Waters

Carol says Welcome to the Spring AASG. There has never been a more organized spring conference. She tells delegates to thank their advisors for being here. Leaders are brave, take risks, and stand up to what is wrong. In the next few days, be the change you wish to see in the world. If you can envision the change you want, you can change through your actions. The E-board seeks to recognize your service through the AASG Serves award. This board has been passionate about saving livesculminating in the Railway oh Hope. Tell yourselves, "I can be the change."

VII. Old Business

b. Approval of Fall 2012 GA Minutes

Shanelle

Motion to Approve the Minutes Bristol Bay/ Unalaska Motion Motion Passes

c. Constitution/By-Laws Ariel
At the winter business meeting, we deleted section B from the bylaws. The change eliminated exclusion of non-ASAA member schools from being AASG member schools. The change will be ratified at Juneau.

- d. Finances Shanelle The 2013-2014 budget has been finalized. If anyone has questions or would like to see it, contact Shanelle.
- e. Fall Conference Scholarship Report Madison
 We gave 10,000 dollars worth of scholarships to delegates: we had more than we were planning. Each person who applied for a scholarship received a 40 percent scholarship.
- f. Technology Activities

Adam, Committee

The tech committee traveled to Anchorage to present at ASTE-follow our twitter, like us on facebook, and keep up with AASG!

- g. Healthy Choices Ariel, Committee Ariel, the chairperson of Healthy Choices, has acted as the ATCA liaison, an organization that works with youth throughout the state. Their goal is to stop tobacco use and they have also worked with ASAA. The Healthy Choices committee has created a healthy facts Easter egg hunt. In the eggs are healthy facts-write your name on the back of the fact, find Miles, and be entered in a raffle. There will be more eggs tomorrow.
- h. Suicide Prevention Activities Corey Butler, Emily, Committee There were presentations to various groups.

The 2012 Media Contest report from GCI: this year was a record year. The winner of the media contest will be revealed in the last GA, and there will be a prize for all who submitted for the contest. It will be continued next year as well.

Railway of Hope- there will be more about that on Saturday, we are excited to reveal everything to the delegation.

i. Awards Nels

All applications are due at 11 tonight. If you need an application they are under the awards section of the AASG website. The Awards Available are as follows:

Student Leader of the Year Student Leader in Service

Advisor of the Year

Administrator of the Year

Student Councils of Excellence

j. Spring Conference Report

The conference required many months of planning and thankfully we are under budget due to volunteers. Look around; say thanks to the photographers, bus drivers, food donaters, tri-valley delegates.

Marin

VII. New Business

- a. Scholarships for Spring Conference Madison
 This was the most stressful committee work-she was able to offer
 40 percen to 40 applicants. There is a scholarship meeting in the
 morning. Scholarship recipients worked hard to fill out those
 applications.
- b. NASC National Conference 2013 Nels Nels, Emily, and Ariel will do a workshop on AASG and the impact of Resolutions. Everybody from the country. Find Emily or Ariel if
- c. Western States Leadership Conference 2013 Ariel It's a week long training, AASG will support delegates through a registration.
- d. Conference Host for Spring 2014 Emily

conference bids are open, get an application from Carol or Emily ASAP

e. Media Contest 2013 Corey
f. Railway of Hope Corey

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g. AASG Serves Emily

Submissions are due at 11 pm, find Emily, pick the top 5 projects who will present at 1:30 on fri. You'll vote at reg meetings on Saturday

Motion to Recess: West Anchorage/Bethel Motion Recess at 9:11 pm- Call to Order at 8:02 am

h. Presentation of New Resolutions Douglas

i. Resolutions Presented

GA Delegates



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #1 Zero Tolerance of Tobacco in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District. Submitted by Region VI

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 1. **Whereas,** 18,000 Alaskans under the age of eighteen, who are alive now, will die prematurely of tobacco use in the future. (2, 4)
- 2. **Whereas,** 490 Alaskan adults die annually from tobacco use making it the leading cause of deaths in Alaska, exceeding the number of deaths caused by accidents, drugs, alcohol, and suicides combined. (4)
- 3. **Whereas,** three out of every four teenage smokers in Alaska will become chronic smokers in adulthood.(2)
- 4. **Whereas,** nine out of every ten smokers in Alaska began smoking before the age of eighteen.(

- 5. **Whereas,** youth who are exposed to images of tobacco products are more likely to smoke.(3)
- 6. **Whereas,** youth who see smoking as a social norm are more likely to smoke. (3)
- 7. **Whereas,** approximately 5,800 Alaskan high school students smoke or use tobacco products.
- 8. **Whereas,** 169 million dollars are spent each year in Alaska on healthcare costs related to tobacco.(1)
- 9. **Whereas,** smoking costs the State of Alaska 77 million dollars per year in Medicare expenses.(1)
- 10. **Whereas,** a "Zero Tolerance Tobacco Policy" will be defined as: any policy, or collection of policies that prohibit the use, possession, display, sale, distribution or promotion of tobacco, any tobacco products, or tobacco related advertisement by students, staff, or anyone who is on school grounds or at school sponsored events, before, during, or after the school day, or at any time during the school or calendar year.
- 11. **Whereas,** A "Zero Tolerance Policy" should replace existing tobacco policies in the Fairbanks North star Borough School District.
- 12. **Whereas,** the adoption of a "zero tolerance tobacco policy" would limit the exposure of tobacco, tobacco products, and tobacco advertisement to students and youth.
- 13. **Whereas,** the limiting exposure of tobacco to youth would, eventually lead to fewer smokers in adulthood.
- 14. **Whereas,** fewer smokers would result in less cost to the state, to its residents, and, ultimately, would result in fewer lives lost to tobacco.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska association of student governments, that the FNSBSD adopt a "zero tolerance tobacco policy."

Action statement: This resolution, if adopted by AASG will be sent to the following people:

The Fairbanks North Star Borough S.D. Board of Education.

Email: schoolboard@k12northstar.org

Dr. Pete Lewis, Superintendent of FNSBSD

Email: pete.lewis@k12northstar.org

Sources:

- 1. Guilfoyle, Jessica. "Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, June 13, 2012 / Jessica Guilfoyle." (n.d.): n. pag. *Tabaco Free Kids*. 13 June 2012. Web. 14 Oct. 2012. http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0072.pdf?utm_source=factsheets_finder&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=analytics>.
- 2. "The Toll of Tobacco in Alaska Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids." *The Toll of Tobacco in Alaska Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.* N.p., n.d. Web. 14 Oct. 2012. http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/toll_us/alaska.
- 3."We Can Make the Next Generation Tobacco-Free." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 08 Mar. 2012. Web. 14 Oct. 2012. http://www.cdc.gov/Features/YouthTobaccoUse/>.
- 4. Peterson, Erin, MPH, Andrea Fenaughty, MA, Phd, and Jason Phillips, MD, MDiv, MPH. *Tabacco in the Great Land; A Portrait of Alaska's Leading Cause of Death*. <u>Hss.state.ak.us</u>. N.p., n.d. Web. 14 Oct. 2012. http://www.hss.state.ak.us/publications/tobaccoInTheGreatLand.pdf>.

Motion to bring resolution #1 to the Floor: Chugiak/Mt. Edgecumbe Motion Passes

Region 1: Unanimously Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Support intent, requires clarification

Region 4: Supports but needs clarification

Region 5: Unanimously Supports

Region 6: Unanimously Supports

Region 7: Unanimously Supports

<u>Bethel:</u> Point of Information: Is there a source for the citation on line number four?

Author: It was one of the four sources: there is a source.

<u>Palmer:</u> What does the Zero Tolerance mean? How would it be enforced in the school?

Author: Implementation would be up to the school district.

Wasilla: What is the current policy? By state law you already cannot smoke on campus.

Author: You cannot possess tobacco products, but staff and students can bring paraphernalia advertising tobacco products.

Kodiak: Statement number 7 has no source **Author:** Its one of the four sources.

Resolution #1 Passes Unanimously

Resolution 2: Student Input in teacher evaluations

Motion to bring Resolution #2 to the Floor: Monroe/Sitka

<u>Bethel</u>: I don't think we should bring this to the floor because of the inaccurate statistics and complications in the resolution.

Motion Fails



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution # 3 Changing LKSD's Abstinence-Only Health Policy Submitted by Bethel Regional High School Student Council

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 15. Whereas, Alaska has the second highest rate of chlamydia in the nation³,
- 16. **Whereas,** the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta has an even higher rate of chlamydia than Alaska does as a whole³,
- 17. **Whereas**, 44% of BRHS students are already sexually active⁵,
- 18. **Whereas**, 30% of BRHS students that are sexually active have had multiple partners⁵,
- 19. **Whereas,** multiple partners can lead to an increased spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)⁶,
- 20. **Whereas**, the spread of STIs can be lowered by safe-sex practices¹,

- 21. **Whereas,** the mission statement of LKSD states they will provide "culturally appropriate and effective education⁴,"
- 22. Whereas, the spread of STIs is a culturally-relevant issue,
- ^{23.} **Whereas,** the family life policy of LKSD stipulates abstinence be emphasized and safe-sex practices discounted,⁴
- ^{24.} **Whereas,** according to the Heritage Foundation, teaching abstinence to high school students does not prevent students from being sexually active, ⁶
- 25. Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that LKSD add a section to the health curriculum regarding safe-sex practices and STI awareness.

Action Statement: This resolution, if approved by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, is to be sent to the following parties:

Lower-Kuskowim School District Board of Education Attention: Margaret Herron margaret_herron@lksd.org

Sources:

1. "Condoms and STDs: Fact Sheet for Public Health Personnel."
 Centers for Disease Control.

http://www.cdc.gov/condomeffectiveness/latex.htm 5 Mar. 2013. Accessed March 18, 2013.

- 2. **2.** "The Effectiveness of Abstinence Education Programs in Reducing Sexual Activity Among Youth." <u>Heritage Foundation</u>. 8 Apr. 2002.
- http://www.heritage.org/research/reports/2002/04/the-effectiveness-of-abstinence-education-programs Accessed March 18, 2013.
- 4. **3.** Hartman, Dan. Sexually Transmitted Infection Report. YKHC Tribal Gathering. Cultural Center. April 2012. Accessed March 18, 2013.
- 4. Lower Kuskokwim School District. <u>LKSD Board Policy.</u> 28 Jan. 2006.
 Accessed March 18, 2013.

6. **5.** State of Alaska. <u>Youth Behavior Risk Survey</u>. Department of Health and Social Services. January 2013. Accessed March 18, 2013.

6. "STD Facts." Centers for Disease Control. 24 Nov. 2012.

http://www.cdc.gov/std/chlamydia/stdfact-chlamydia.htm Accessed March 18, 2013.

Motion to bring Resolution # 3 to the floor: West Valley/Lathrop Motion Passes

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Unanimously Supports Region 4: Supports Unanimously

Region 5: Unanimously Supports

Region 6: Unanimously Supports Region7: Unanimously Supports

Wasilla: Who will teach this?

Author: Is it up to the School Board. Most likely it would be added as a section to the health curriculum and teachers will teach it.

Motion to Call to Question: West Anchorage/Mt. Edgecumbe Motion Passes

Resolution # 3 Passes Unanimously



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #4 School District Policies Requiring Screening of Gifts to Students Submitted by Alaska Youth for Environmental Action

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

7. Whereas, students are often given handouts of some sort when on field trips;

- 8. Whereas, Alaska School Districts do not have policy requiring pre-screening of any items to be given to students;
- 9. Whereas, a simple examination of said gifts would not be an unrealistic burden;
- 10. Whereas, a simple examination is in the best interest of our students and districts;
- 11. Whereas, an incident in Seward in 2011 where second and third grade students were

given a number of inappropriate items while on a district sponsored field trip highlighted the need of such policy to be adopted to better protect students while in district care; (1)

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that AASG encourages and supports all school districts in Alaska to adopt policy that requires pre-screening of all gifts given to students while in district care.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AAG is to be delivered to the Association of Alaska School Boards:

Association of Alaska School Boards

26. 1111 W. 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801

27. phone: <u>(907) 463-1660</u> 28. fax: (907) 586-2995

29. Email: aasb@aasb.org

Motion to Bring Resolution to the Floor: Kodiak / Palmer Motion Passes

Region 1: Does Not Support Region 2: Does Not Support

Region 3: Does Not Support Region 4: Supports the Intent

Region 5: Supports

Region 6: Supports

Region 7: Does Not Support

Wasilla: Point of information: what was the incident mentioned within the resolution?

Author: Elementary students attending a field trip to a coal mine received a gift bag including coal in a Ziploc bag, seeds of an invasive species which the

Bethel: I disagree with the 3rd whereas statement, as it is unrealistic that every gift received by a student can be screened easily.

Palmer: Screening of the gifts would be a violation of privacy and it would be an unrealistic screening process.

Kodiak: Requests the sources.

Wasilla: This resolution would make conferences like this very difficult because every gift would have to be screened.

<u>Unalaska:</u> Point of Info: What is the definition of a gift?

Author: Anything given to the students from outside resources.

<u>West Valley:</u> Point of Order: Requests to keep the resolution text on at least one of the screens.

North Pole: Point of Info: Is this resolution geared towards all schools? **Author:** This resolution would be directed to the district.

Tri-Valley: The workshops we participated in today gave gifts, and it would be unreasonable to have advisors check all of the gifts.

Monroe: Point of Info: What would be the process for the screening of gifts.

Author: The Company would submit their gift requests to an administrator. The administrator would then look at them and determine them as safe or unsafe.

West Valley: Point of Info: Would every gift have to be screened? Or just one example?

Author: Just one if everyone is receiving the same gift

Bethel: Point of Info: Who classifies as a school official?

Author: A superintendent or a principal would qualify as a school official.

Eagle River: Point of Info: Who would be determining what is appropriate and what is the criteria?

Author: The criteria for the gifts is: the gifts must 1) not be harmful 2) not endorse any product or business 3) not be in violation of any provision of board policy or public law 4) Have a purpose consistent with those of the district.

Call to Question: Matsu Career Tech/Anderson Division of the House Question Called

Resolution #4 Fails



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #5 School Colors Submitted by Bristol Bay High School Student Body

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 30. **Whereas,** students will have more school spirits;
- 31. **Whereas**, the colors don't represent our school;
- 32. **Whereas,** the students didn't have any say in choosing the paint for our school;
- 33. **Whereas,** our colors have always been purple and gold and it has changed in the last year;
- 34. Whereas, our school spirit is lacking;
- 35. **Whereas**, the kids feel more connected;
- 36. **Whereas,** students are willing to give up their time to paint;
- 37. **Whereas,** the students are willing to fundraise for the cost of paint;
- 38. **Whereas,** it is our administrations responsibility to promote school spirit;

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that Bristol Bay Borough School have their school colors implemented into their building.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AAG is to be delivered to the Bristol Bay Borough School District

Motion to Bring Resolution #5 to the Floor: Bartlett/Unalaska Motion Passes with Noted Opposition Region 1: Supports Region 2: Supports Region 3: Supports

Region 4: Unanimously Supports

Region 5: Supports Intent

Region 6: Unanimously Supports

Region 7: Supports

West: Point of Info: How much does the paint cost?

Author: We're not sure.

Tri-Valley: Admin already has difficulty dealing with a wide variety of issues: the student council should be the people to step up to boost school spirit.

Palmer: Whereas statement number 69: Do you plan on paying?

Author: We plan on fundraising for the paint.

<u>Mat-su Career Tech:</u> We want clarification on the color representation: is it the color of the walls that are unpleasant?

Author: Currently the walls are brown. The entire school is not un correspondence with our school colors.

Hutchinson: The color of the school shouldn't affect the school spirit: you should have spirit yourself regardless of the colors of the school.

Cordova: How much of the school are you planning on painting?

Author: The sections that don't have school colors.

Motion to Strike "it has changed in the last year" in Whereas Statement 65 from the Resolution: Bethel/Klawok Amendment Passes

Ben Eielson: we tried to paint our own school and painting costs a lot more than you think: do you have a sufficient fund or plan?

Author: The community supports us in our plan-we have some left over purple paint, and we will fundraise in the community.

Palmer: does the resolution include murals?

Author: The resolution is to boost school spirit. so it can include murals.

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> was there any collaboration between the student council and administration regarding the issue prior to bringing the resolution to AASG?

Author: Many faculty members support us-and we have talked to several people about the issue including the administrators.

Kenny Lake: our school has regulations regarding student work on the schools, does your school have regulations that may prohibit this activity as well?

Author: Not to my knowledge.

North Pole poi: Where did you guys get the brown paint? And why did you have blue paint?

Author: Blue was original paint, brown was ordered to match trims.

Bethel: do you have an estimate of how much the paint costs?

Author: We're not entirely sure, but we will be able to cover costs. We have a very supportive community.

<u>Bartlett:</u> Does the issue have a timeline? If the resolution is passed, when will the school be repainted?

Author: If resolution is passed, we hope that it would be done over the summer.

West Anchorage: At West, we don't have school colors in the school, but we still have school spirit. We do not think the two are correlated.

Service: This resolution only affects the school that brought the resolution, and if the students are willing to put time, money, and effort into it, it should get passed. Especially since it does not affect any of us.

Chevak: What's the coloring the outside of the school?

Author: Its red. The school does not correlate or match at all: its brown, blue, and red, our school colors are purple and gold.

Motion to Table the Resolution so that the Author can Rewrite it to be More Objective and less Opinionated: Monroe/Palmer

<u>Klawok:</u> Point of Order: in the past we've had resolutions tabled, and there may be something in the by-laws or constitution to make it a pass or fail type of deal.

At recess at 9:07 Back in order at 9:07

Board: You cannot table resolutions to the next conference, but the author can resubmit it at the next conference if it gets tabled.

Motion to Table Fails

Motion to Strike Whereas Statement 70: Ben Eielson/West Motion Passed

Eagle River: Point of Info: How will painting the school raise school spirit **Author:** By making students want to be in the school by setting up a healthier environment

Bethel: Point of Order: Delegates wanting to ask questions need to use the Point of Information sign.

Motion to Call to Question: Edgecumbe Question called

Resolution #5 Passes



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #6 (PASSED) Approval of the proposed Alaska School Performance Index Submitted by Executive Board

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- **39. Whereas**, the State of Alaska implemented the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) system to regulate school accountability;
- **40.** Whereas, AYP only measures the percentage of students that are proficient in Language Arts, Math, and Writing*;
- **41. Whereas**, the State of Alaska Department of Education is looking to amend the current waiver for school accountability and replace AYP with the proposed regulations, Alaska School Performance Index;
- **42. Whereas**, the proposed regulations will determine a School Performance Index score for each school in the state, based on a 100-point scale**.
- 43. Whereas, each school's index scores are based on factors. The factors and the weighting of each factor in the index are as follows**:
- 44. 2) For students in grades 9-12,
 - 1. Academic achievement, 20%;
 - 2. School progress, 35%;
 - 3. Attendance rate, 10%;
 - 4. Participation rate for the Standardized Based Assessments (SBA), 5%;
 - 5. Graduation rate, 20%;
 - 6. SAT and/or ACT tests scores, 8%;

- 7. Participation rate for the WorkKeys assessment, 2%,
- **45. Whereas**, the 100-point scale converts into a five star system,
- **46.** Whereas, the highest rating is a 5 star, and the lowest is a 1 star.
- **47. Whereas**, the 5 star system is more comprehendible than the current AYP system,
- **48. Whereas**, the proposed regulations measure the 7 factors listed above, while AYP does not,

Whereas, the proposed regulations provide a more in depth look at each school's progress and accountability.

Therefore, be it resolved by the General Assembly of Alaska Association of Student Governments that we support and promote the proposed regulations, Alaska School Performance Index, that would replace Adequate Yearly Progress.

Action Statement: This resolution, if approved by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, is to be delivered to the State Board of Education and Early Development as a piece of public comment.

References:

*State of Alaska. Alaska Department of Education and Early Development. *Understanding adequate yearly progress in Alaska public schools*. 2012. Web. http://www.eed.state.ak.us/tls/assessment/ayp/2012/Understanding_AYP2012.pdf.

**State of Alaska. State Board of Education and Early Development. *Agenda Item 5A.2 of the March 7th and 8th Meeting Packet*. 2013. Web. http://www.eed.state.ak.us/State_Board/pdf/13_march_packet.pdf>.

Motion to bring Resolution#6 to floor: Haines/Mat-Su Motion Passes

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Unanimously Supports

Region 4: Does Not Support

Region 5: Unanimously Supports

Region 6: Unanimously Supports

Region 7: Unanimously Supports

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> Point of Privilege: Their region didn't read these yet: can you enlarge the resolutions on the screen?

Board: If you need a packet, go to Kris

At ease at 9:18

<u>Wasilla</u> Point of Info: Can you go through an overview of the resolution for clarification?

Author: AYP is used for schools as sort of a grade. It is based solely on scores of the standardized tests: it's a part of the No Child Left Behind Act. The state has been applying for a waiver of the NCLB since 2003. This resolution supports the waiver, and the implementation of a new system called the Alaska School Performance Index. The Index brings in more factors than the test scores. This regulation has been in the works for 5 years in the department of education.

<u>Matsu career tech:</u> I was wondering about the five star system: how does that work? Would it be like AP exams? How does the 100 points correlate to the 5 stars?

Author: A 5 star is a 100-94 points in participation, a 4 star is 93.99, less 65-84 is 2 star, 65-55 1 star, 0 is 0 star

Motion to recess for Keynote at 9:25: West Valley/Klawok Motion Passes

Call back to Order at 1:40

<u>Board:</u> We are starting with AASG Serves presentations. In next region meeting you will be voting for the top AASG Serves project. Mat-su will present first, then region six, then Kodiak.

Matsu: Don't be a Taylor Swift Song: a guide to healthy relationships. This project was an outreach to people, particularly middle school students. Its goal is to teach how to identify an unhealthy relationship. We taught life skills that would not only serve the students, but the community as a whole, in the future. Why? Domestic violence rates in Alaska are among the highest in the nation. We talked to 8th graders about healthy relationships, and to hold their attention, we made the presentation informal and humorous. We wanted it to be light-hearted. We're making an impact and standing out from the adults who are saying the same things. They found preparing and presenting to middle schools was fun.

Region 6: Jr. High Workshop. Region 6 has been hosting a workshop for the Junior High kids for the last 20 years. It's like a mini AASG. We put it together for all junior high students in the region to get them excited about their student governments. We talk about what they can do in the community. We start planning in October, and every school is in charge of a certain aspect: one school is in charge of food, one is in charge of location, one is in charge of keynote, etc. We had it on March 25th. There was a lot of support from the community, for example one company gave us backpacks. Workshops are held that teach public speaking, parliamentary procedures, hazards of drunk driving-they really learn all about student council. Junior high kids are able to learn about AASG as well.

Emily attended this workshop as a Junior High student herself. The Workshop really helps students to be more confident and outgoing, and it makes them think that highschoolers are cool. If awarded the AASG Serves award, Region 6 will use the 1000 dollars to continue the learning: They are bringing Craig Scott, a speaker against bullying, which will cost 30,000.

Kodiak: November 8th, Kodiak held a Veterans Day assembly, in honor of their coast guard and the shooting last year. KHS Student council created a Kodiak Idol as a fundraiser, they donated 1000 dollars of the funds to a foundation.

Discussion of the resolution

Bethel: This is a great resolution that should be passed-AYP is terrible. Either you meet it or don't. It seems like the Index is something we should pass.

Eagle River: why would we be replacing AYP with a program that is exactly the same?

Motion to Call to Question: Palmer/Togiak Motion Failed

Anderson: Point of Info: How is school progress determined?

Author: School progress is determined by how many students moved on the scale, for instance 5 out of 10 students moving from far below to

average would be school progress.

Wasilla: We have never made AYP. The special needs students brings our scores down. I think the Index would be much better.

Bethel: The Index is better than AYP, because AYP is make it or not type of deal. The index is a rating scale-it serves the same purpose, but its more in depth. This resolution is essentially a piece of public comment saying AASG supports the index.

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> If AYP is not met, then the government can forcefully take control of our schools. We agree with this resolution.

<u>Cordova</u>: Some people are not good test takers: AYP only takes into consideration test scores. The Index gives a broader consideration to base the school grade on: we are for this resolution.

<u>Anderson:</u> Point of Info: For students 9-12 8% of the score is based on SAT and ACT test scores-if a school doesn't have students with Juniors or Seniors that take the test, does the school loose those 8 points?

Author: No

Service: AYP is based off of test score and test score attendance-if a kid doesn't go to tests, then the school is knocked off. This Index system is greater.

Sand Point: This Index system is a good idea, because there are kids that don't put effort into the SBA's.

Motion to Call to Question: West/Lathrop Motion Passes

Resolution #6 Passes

Motion to Recess: North Pole/Sand Point Motion Passes

Call to Order at 8:06pm



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #7 Restoring the Unangan Language in Unalaska City School Submitted by Unalaska High School Student Council

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 49. **Whereas**, the future of the Unangan language rests in the hands of about 150 fluent speakers that are quickly diminishing due to the fact that they comprise of elders;
- 50. **Whereas**, the Unangan people are a significant part of the history of the state of Alaska;
- 51. **Whereas,** children grades 1-4 get to experience 1 month of optional Unangan classes outside of school;
- 52. Whereas, these classes are not available to individuals above 4th grade;
- 53. **Whereas**, a Native culture camp is held each summer in August for the children of the Aleutians on Unalaska Island, in Humpy Cove, where elders and other instructors teach about the subsistence lifestyle of the Unangan people;
- 54. **Whereas**, the camp is only a five day learning experience that does not provide the youth with enough knowledge to perpetuate the culture and subsistence lifestyles;

- 55. **Whereas**, only a limited amount of participants are allowed to be a part of this experience;
- 56. **Whereas**, families that are not financially supported will not have the opportunity to participate in this learning experience;
- 57. **Whereas**, the kids that are native and non-native, from grades 4 through 12 have the opportunity to have a number of native elders participate and help transfer their skills and knowledge to the campers;
- 58. **Whereas**, the Unangan class that was once mandatory in Eagle's View Elementary School, in Unalaska, was ended due to the inability to fund the program;
- 59. **Whereas**, the people, organizations, and agencies of the community can unite to make the vision of bringing this culture back together;
- 60. Whereas, the programs could possibly be funded by the Ounalashka Corporation, the Unalaska City School District, the Museum of the Aleutians, Unalaska Parks, Culture, and Recreation, the Quawalangin tribe, the Aleutian/Pribilof Island Association, the WWII museum, the Ballyhoo Lions Club, and/or the Aleutian Arts Council;

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that the Unangan Language be an option at Unalaska City School as way of keeping the culture and history of our city and state alive.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG is to be delivered to the following people:

John Conwell, UCSD Superintendent (907) 581-1222 jconwell@ucsd.net PO Box 570 Unalaska, AK 99685

Jim Wilson, UCS Principal (907) 581-1222 jwilson@ucsd.net PO Box 570 Unalaska, AK 99685

www.uaf.edu/anlc/languages/stats

Motion to Bring Resolution # 7 to the Floor: West/Kodiak Motion Motion Passes

Unalaska: Submitting their resolution as read

Region 1: Supports Intent

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Unanimously Supports, needs clarification

Region 4: Unanimously Supports Region 5: Unanimously Supports Region 6: Unanimously Supports Region 7: Unanimously Supports

Haines: We were wondering if there is currently a teacher available, or if you have to bring somebody from out of the school.

Author: We did have a teacher once, and we currently have two speakers willing to teach this.

Sand Point: At Sand Point culture camps are enforced. We think teaching the language would be a great idea.

Mt. Edgecumbe: Point of Info: Will the classes be mandatory?

Author: Yes.

<u>KingCove</u>: This idea is amazing: I've been learning my own language, but it is dying out. King Cove is glad the author doing this, and we're glad that Unalaska is stepping up.

Motion to Call to Question: Palmer/West Motion Passes

Resolution #7 Passes Unanimously



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #8 Opening the Network Domain to Student's Personal Computers Submitted by Unalaska High School Student Council

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas, the current digital policy of our school says that personal computers aren't permitted to the domain network.¹

- Whereas, the printers are linked to the domain network of our school.
- 63. **Whereas,** the only way to print is to either access our student folder from the school, or from a memory storage device.
- ^{64.} **Whereas,** 24% of students have lost their memory storage device at least three to five times during this school year and also do not have access to their school student folder from home.²
- 65. **Whereas,** opening the domain to students' personal computers would not cost any money.¹
- ^{66.} **Whereas,** at least 93% of the students possess their own personal laptop, tablet, etc.²
- 67. **Whereas,** there would be considerably less hassle to fix school computers if the network was just opened to personal computers.
- ^{68.} **Whereas,** the budget for technology for the 2012-2013 school year was \$75,000.³
- ^{69.} **Whereas,** we are going to spend a proposed \$50,000 on technology for the 2013-2014 school year. ³
- 70. **Whereas,** we could save the money and input in other aspects such as student travel, band, equipment, etc.
- Whereas, students often ask their teachers to print off their work, and when they do, the teacher gets frustrated. ²
- Whereas, if implemented, the domain network would be open to students' personal device by the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year. ¹

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government that the Unalaska City School opens its local domain network so that students may use their personal computers to access the school printers.

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG is to be presented to the UCHS principal, the UCSD superintendent, UCSD tech coordinator, and the UCSD School Board.

Sources:

¹ Chris Bobbitt, UCSD Tech Coordinator

² UCHS Computer Student Survey

³ UCSD Budget 2013-2014

Motion to Bring Resolution #8 to the Floor: Unalaska/Mat-Su Motion Passes

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports Intent, needs clarification Region 3: Supports, but needs clarification

Region 4: Supports

Region 5: Unanimously supports

Region 6: Supports with noted opposition

Region 7: Unanimously Supports

<u>Bethel:</u> This is a really good resolution and we should support it. Adding student computers to a domain doesn't give them access to Internet, just to network facilities like the printer.

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> Point of Info: How much bandwidth will the school pay for, and does this make them use more internet?

Author: as Mitchell said, bandwidth will not be used; it will just allow students to access the printers.

Sand Point: Whereas statement 5: Where did you get the money fact? **Author:** Our tech guy.

West: Since it's a wireless comp, you are not using the internet.

Motion to Call to Question: West/Sand Point Question Called

Resolution #8 Passes with Unanimous Consent

Motion to Recess for 10 minutes at 8:29: Haines/North Pole Motion Passes with noted opposition 8:42 called back to Order



Resolution #9

Mandating Safe-Sex Education in Public Alaskan High Schools

Submitted by Bethel Regional High School Student Council

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments:

- 1. **Whereas**, multiple partners can lead to an increased spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)⁵,
- 2. Whereas, 38% of Alaska students are already sexually active⁴,
- 3. **Whereas**, 25% of Alaska students that are sexually active have had multiple partners⁴,
- 4. Whereas, Alaska has the second highest rate of Chlamydia in the nation³,
- 5. **Whereas**, the spread of STIs can be lowered by safe-sex practices¹,
- 6. **Whereas,** according to the Heritage Foundation, teaching abstinence to high school students does not prevent students from being sexually active,⁶
- Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that all public Alaskan high schools be required to add a section to their health curriculum regarding safe-sex practices and STI awareness.

Upon approval of the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, this resolution will be sent to the State Board of Education and Early Development

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Motion to Bring Resolution #9 to the Floor: Sand Point/Wasilla Motion Passes

Being Submitted as Read

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Unanimously Supports

Region 4: Unanimously Supports

Region 5: Unanimously Supports

Region 6: Supports, need clarification

Region 7: Unanimously Supports

Motion to Amend Resolution, Moving the 1st Whereas statement to 4th Palmer/Klawok Amendment Passes

Resolution #9 Passes Unanimously



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #10
Opposition to OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX Bill
"Stop the Handout"
Submitted by Samuel Clark
April 11, 2013

- 1. Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;
- 2. **Whereas,** The Alaska State Senate passed the OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX bill, otherwise known as Senate Bill 21 (SB21) by a slim margin of 11-9; (1)
- 2. **Whereas,** As passed by the State Senate, SB 21 would cost close to \$1 billion per year in revenue to the State of Alaska.(2)
- 3. **Whereas,** The State of Alaska and it's citizens will not be directly benefited by the tax reduction and state departments will see a drop in funding.

- 4. **Whereas,** By reducing the price of oil by 25%, there will need to be a 33% increase of oil flow in order for the state to profit from this tax deduction. (3)
- 5. **Whereas,** According to Senator Bill Wielechowski, the bill "pushes close to \$2,000 a minute across to the oil industry, every minute of the day for the next six years." (4)
- 6. **Whereas,** The future of the state is on the line, as the generation inheriting the state, the opinion of Alaska's youth must be heard.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that the distain of Alaska's youth will be made apparent to Governor Sean Parnell and legislators involved with SB21 entitled: OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TAX.

Action Statement: This resolution, if adopted by AASG will be sent to the following people: Governor Sean Parnell

Address: Office of Governor Sean Parnell

Attention: Jason Hooley, Director of Boards & Commissions P.O. Box 110001, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001

Charlie Huggins, Alaska Senate President

Email: Senator.Charlie.Huggins@akleg.gov

John Coghill, Senate Majority Leader

Email: Senator.John.Coghill@akleg.gov

Jonny Ellis, Senate Minority Leader

Email: Senator.Johnny.Ellis@akleg.gov

Senator Bill Wielechowski

Email: Senator.Bill.Wielechowski@akleg.gov

Represenative Bill Stolze

Email: Representative.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov

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Motion to bring Resolution 10 to the floor: Chugiak/Mt. Edgecumbe

<u>Wasilla:</u> Many people don't understand, since they can't read the actual bill.

Kodiak: My class took 45 minutes to read the bill, and even when we read it, there was confusion. We don't have the time to fully understand this.

<u>Bethel</u>: **Point of Order:** Use the appropriate pro and con mikes.

Wasilla: I would like to point out that SB21 affects everyone. It is a funding issue, it's important for this to be talked about. The bill was passed in the house and the future owners and operators of the state should address it.

<u>Bethel:</u> We discussed this in our region meeting: whether or not we disagree with the legislation, the resolution is lacking information.

Mt. Edgecmbe: We should discuss this bill: this is a time sensitive issue. We need to talk about this now.

Service: We don't know much about the bill, we don't think that we're informed enough to discuss it-we don't think that this is the right place.

<u>Ben Eielson:</u> This is AASG-this is what we do. We discuss and we debate resolutions. There will be no harm in debating this resolution and there is no reason not to.

Palmer: Debate requires knowledge on the subject.

West: you should call to question.

Bethel: This is important: we don't have enough information: there are some people who don't know a thing about the oil and gas production tax. Passing this resolution is not a good representation of the state.

<u>Unalaska:</u> Point of Privilege: its getting cold in here, can you turn up the heat?

Motion to bring Resolution #10 Fails

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> we will not turn on the heat today due to the dance happening later, but it should be warm tomorrow.



Resolution #11

Advisory Student Evaluation of Teachers to be Considered in the Evaluation of Teachers at Monroe Catholic High School

Submitted by

Monroe Catholic Student Government

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

Whereas, student Evaluations of Teachers should be used as an assessment tool in the administrator's evaluations of teachers.

Whereas, currently Monroe does not offer any formal evaluations of teachers by students,

Whereas, currently the students of Monroe do not have a formal voice to the administration about the performance of their teachers,

Whereas, Student evaluations should be considered as an advisory evaluation in the overall evaluation of a teacher,

Whereas; Student evaluation format would be created by the administration,

Whereas; student evaluations should take place upon the termination of the course,

Whereas; student anonymity would be determined by the student in completing evaluations,

Whereas; student evaluations would not be required but class time would be allotted:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that student evaluations at Monroe Catholic High School should be considered as advisory evaluations in the overall evaluation of teachers.

If passed by the General Assembly of Alaska Association of Student Governments this resolution will be presented to;

Monroe Catholic Principal Vincent Fantazzi 615 Monroe St. Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Monroe Catholic High School Academic Dean Helen Clark 615 Monroe St. Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Director of Schools Nancy Hanson 615 Monroe St. Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Motion to Bring Resolution #11 to the floor: Manokotak/Skagway

Mt. Edgecumbe: this resolution is very similar to resolution number two, which was not brought to the floor.

<u>Bethel:</u> This resolution only effects Monroe Catholic high school-we might as well discuss it-it is also different because it discusses advisory evaluations, which is just for constructive critisism.

<u>Juneau-Douglas:</u> it is not something we want to represent.

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> Why not let Monroe try-we have 20 minutes of debate time today and this is the last resolution. We may as well try.

<u>West Valley:</u> Monroe Catholic is a private school, not a public school. It is different from Resolution Number Two.

Motion passes with Noted Opposition

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: Unanimously Supports

Region 4: Unanimously Supports

Region 5: Does Not Support

Region 6: Unanimously Supports

Region 7: Does Not Support

Bethel: I think it's a great resolution: its asking for an advisory voice from students through student evaluations. Unlike resolution two, it does not hold a set weight. It gives students the opportunity to give feedback. Keep in mind its for a private school.

Motion to Amend Resolution to take the 2 out of a word: Matsu/Sand Point Motion Passes

<u>Palmer:</u> Its just feedback to try to make the teachers teach better.

<u>Wasilla:</u> It is only Monroe Catholic, the students at Monroe want it, why not give it to them?

Tri-Valley: It adds a new perspective-and the fact that we can pull together conferences like this shows we can be responsible.

West: I agrees, especially since the theme here is be the change.

Mat-su Career Tech: the last whereas statement-why not make it mandatory? **Author:** we are not sure that this will provide accurate information-we just hope it provides one more perspective for the teachers benefit.

<u>Bethel:</u> Regarding the last whereas statement: if the evaluations were not mandated, the students that would fill these out would be people who would care and give good feedback.

Motion to Call to Question: Palmer/West Valley Motion The Question has been Called

Resolution # 11 Passes

Recess at 9:22-back at 9:35

Board: Due to having more general assembly time than we thought, we will be accepting resolutions until midnight tonight.

Motion to Recess until Tomorrow: Kasiguluk-Akula/Eagle River Motion Passes at 9:26pm

Call to Order at 8:08 am

Board: We're only allowing each delegate to discuss each motion twice.



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #12 A Semester of Alaska Studies Should not be Mandatory for Students to Graduate Submitted by Hutchison High School

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 73. Whereas, Alaska Studies is currently required to graduate
- 74. Whereas, having a semester of Alaska studies limits the classes a student can choose to take during their high school career
- 75. Whereas, Military students who transfer in at any point during their high school career need to complete the class
- 76. Whereas, there are other Social studies classes that a student may be more interested in
- 77. Whereas, Students who are leaving Alaska during or immediately after their high school career will have no use for the class
- 78. Whereas, the course will still be offered as an elective
- 79. Whereas, Some students may require other classes that benefit their education
- 80. Whereas, the cultural knowledge may be found in other classes such as English, earlier grade levels or other social studies classes.
- 81. Whereas, there is not a set curriculum for Alaska studies classes

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that an Alaska Studies class should not be mandatory for students to graduate.

Action Statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG is to be delivered to the Alaska State School Board:

Alaska State School Board

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development P.O. Box 110500

Juneau, AK 99811-0500

Motion to bring Resolution #12 to the floor Skagway/Juneau Douglas Motion Passes

Region 1: Absent

Region 2: Could Not Conclude Region 3: Does Not Support

Region 4: Does Not Support with Noted Opposition

Region 5: Does Not Support

Region 6: Supports with Noted Opposition

Region 7: Does Not Support

Ben Eielson: We know there is lots of controversy, but as a student at a military base, I know it is hard for students that transfer in as a Junior or Senior who have to take a state history class again. It's detrimental to their schedule and their studies.

Bethel: We understand the intent, but it shouldn't be a reason to change the requirements for the entire school. Alaskan students should be culturally knowledgeable. Statement 5: our region disagrees with this. The more knowledge you get, the better.

<u>Lathrop:</u> AK Studies is a good class, but it shouldn't be mandatory.

West Anchorage: We would suggest a waiver for military students.

Monroe: while AK studies is interesting and relevant, it is not relevant to everyone's career path. It should not be mandatory for students leaving AK to take it.

Haines: It is likely that if the class is made an elective, it will drop off. It is valuable to know where you come from: we agree that a waiver would be far more effective.

Mat-su Career Tech: We also disagree with whereas statement number five.

<u>Palmer:</u> AK history is not that hard of a class. Our states history is valuable. AK studies are also a part of American history: it's a class worth knowing, wether or not you are a military student.

Wasilla: We are student leaders shaping the future of our state; knowing our history will help us to not repeat it.

Meshik: We just passed new standards for AK studies; we took the common core standards and added Alaskan standards to it. It shouldn't be hard for Hutchinson.

<u>Bethel:</u> Whereas statement two. I completely disagree with the statement that it will limit classes.

West Valley: I disagree with statement eight: it is an important class. It's our history: we should probably know it.

<u>Lathrop:</u> In regards to statement two: not all school classes have the same number amount of classes offered. We're not trying to take AK Studies away, just not make it mandatory.

King Cove: AK history is the best class that we can offer. It shows us how we live, how we interact. It shows us how we have developed throughout the years.

Ben Eielson: This resolution does not question the importance of AK studies. It displays the problem of students that come here with their families, late in their high school careers due to the military.

Motion to Call to Question: Mt. Edgecumbe/Manakotak Division of the House: Motion Fails

West Valley: This class is important, but it's not so important to be mandatory.

Wasilla: Once the class is not mandatory it will be cut off due to lack of student interest. It's a matter of state law-even if this is passed, it won't change anything.

Juneau Douglas: I recognize that the school is a military school, I'm a military student myself, I understands the frustration, but I thinks that those students should apply for a waiver instead of making the class not mandatory.

Ben Eielson: I lost one of my business classes because of Alaska History. Maybe we could join AK studies with Us studies.

Palmer: Even as a senior, there are a lot of ways to take the class. It supports our history.

Kenny Lake: other states are required to take they're equivalent of AK history.

Monroe: If the class were not mandatory, it would drop off: if we are not interested, should we be forced to take it?

At ease 8:38, back to order 8:39

<u>Chugiak</u>: Point of Info: How would we present this resolution while still showing that AASG cares about our culture?

Author: I think that having an elective class would actually show that students care much more than having it be a mandatory class.

Chugiak: what if not enough people sign up for the class?

Author: If there are not enough people, then there is not enough interest, but having all of you in the con side proves that there is enough interest.

Haines: Alaska is a national interest case: if you think lack of interest is equal to lack of importance, you are wrong.

West Valley: We should be campaigning for stronger cultural teachings.

<u>Kodiak:</u> On the requirement issue, if your parents don't demand that you clean up your room, you probably won't. If we don't demand the class, it would probably die.

<u>West Valley:</u> I think the point is not to argue that AK studies is not an important class, but other classes may be more important- there are many ways to fill class requirements.

Juneau-Douglas: you need to learn about the place you are moving to. Out of respect, if nothing else.

West Valley: Sometimes military families are here for a small amount of time. Forcing them to take AK history would be harmful for them.

<u>Bethel:</u> We are definitely discussing the relevance of Alaska Studies. AK Studies is very important to us-we need to learn the basics here. Even in smaller schools where it is not mandated. It educates us of the problems we have faced.

Motion to Call to Question: Haines/Sitka Question has been called

Resolution# 12 has failed.

Motion to recess for a game of Carol says: West/Juneau-Douglas At recess at 8:50-back to Order at 9:07



Alaska Association of Student Governments
Resolution #13
Creating A privilege Line
Submitted by
Tri-Valley High School

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 82. **Whereas,** Gathering information about resolutions on the floor is a key part of the debate process;
- 83. Whereas, Point of orders are often very important and pertinent to debate;
- 84. Whereas, Points of Privilege help make the discussion more efficient;
- 85. **Whereas,** Delegates are often confused by the speaking order when using these privileges;
- 86. **Whereas,** It would streamline the debate process if speakers using Privileges had an exclusive line;
- 87. Whereas, this mic could be placed in between the Pro and Con mic;

Therefore be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that a third microphone be added for the sole use of Parliamentary Procedure at the discretion of the hosting school.

Action Statement: This resolution, if approved by the GA of AASG, will be implemented at the Fall 2013 Conference in Juneau and all other conferences following.

Motion to bring resolution 13 to the floor Chugiak/Ben Eielson Motion Motion Passes

Region 1: Absent

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: support noted opposition

Region 4: unanimous support

Region 5: Supports Intent with noted

Region 6: does not support

Region 7: unanimously supports

<u>Mat-su Career Tech:</u> Point of Info: we were just wondering how they were going to make it official: would you write this in the by-laws? Present this resolution to every conference hoster?

Author: Its up to the discretion of the board.

Mt. Edgecumbe: Wouldn't it just be easier to have a point of privilege sign?

<u>Palmer:</u> I personally support the idea, but not all schools have access to the amount of mikes that Tri-Valley has.

<u>Juneau-Douglas:</u> Tori Talley, the next conference registrar, thinks it should be open to the discretion of the host school. They will make a point of privilege sign at the Juneau-Douglas conference.

Bethel: When the author talks about parliamentary privileges, it encompasses all of the parliamentary placards.

Ben Eielson: What would be the process to make this official? Would it be added it to the by-laws if passed?

Board: for it to be official, it would be added to the by-laws. It could be signed into the contract with host school, or you could continuously give the resolution to the next host school.

<u>Bethel:</u> Point of Order: You allowed Ben Eielson to ask two questions, and I still had the floor.

Wasilla: It should be left up to the school based on availability of mics.

West: A mic would be a really good idea.

Board: They're called incidental motions.

<u>Mt. Edgecumbe:</u> Point of Info: Is there something saying that you can't have three mikes?

Author: there is not, but, "Out of sight out of mind."

<u>Tri-Valley:</u> the hope in this resolution is to streamline the process, there doesn't necessarily need to be a mike, just a third line specifically for incidental motions.

Hutchison: they are in support, but the resolution is confusing.

Bethel: You cannot speak more than twice on an issue.

Board: The incidental issues do not count.

At ease at 9:23 Back to order

Board: We cannot find anything that says incidental motions do not count, but we will make an official rule.

<u>Bethel:</u> The chair would be able to see the incidental motions if there was a third line.

Eagle River: I'm addressing the entire assembly: please be respectful.

Motion to amend the resolution to add to the therefore statement "to the discretion of the host school": Ben Eielson/Chugiak Amendment Passes **Wasilla:** If the host school brought this resolution, then why didn't they implement it here?

Motion to Call to Question: Palmer/Bartlett Question has been called

Resolution #13 passes



Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #14 Request for the Continuation of AP Classes at West Valley Submitted by The West Valley High School (WVHS) Student Council

Be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments;

- 88. Whereas, some AP classes may not be offered next year at West Valley;
- 89. **Whereas,** many members of the student body have unofficially expressed their discontent with these potential removals to the WVHS student council;
- 90. **Whereas**, the WVHS mission statement emphasizes "establishing high standards and requiring students to demonstrate high achievement" as one of the most important goals of the school¹;
- 91. **Whereas**, many AP classes contain unique content that are not taught elsewhere in the school;
- 92. **Whereas**, AP classes give advanced high school students the opportunity to challenge themselves;
- 93. **Whereas**, AP classes provide an opportunity for high school students to earn college credit in classes of college rigor²;
- Whereas, students who take AP classes are more likely to attend selective colleges and less likely to drop out, even when compared to students with similar SAT scores and GPAs³
- 95. **Whereas**, students who receive a 3 or higher on the AP exam additionally have a higher first-year college GPA than other students³;

96. **Whereas**, AASG has had a history of supporting advanced classes⁴;

Whereas, WVHS has a very strong AP program, and removal of AP classes will deprive students of the many opportunities provided by these classes;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments, that AASG supports the continuation of currently-offered AP classes at West Valley High School.

Action Statement: This resolution, if approved by the General Assembly of the Alaska Association of Student Governments, is to be delivered to the WVHS principal and the FNSBD school board at the following addresses:

shaun.kraska@k12northstar.org

schoolboard@k12northstar.org

References:

- 12. "About Our School." West Valley High School. N.p., n.d. Web. 13 Apr. 2013. http://wvh.k12northstar.org/about>.
- 13. "AP and College Readiness." Rice University Center for College Readiness. Rice University, 2012. Web. 13 Apr. 2013. http://collegeready.rice.edu/AP_and_CR_Mane.aspx.
- 14. Krista D. Mattern, Emily J. Shaw, and Xinhui Xiong, "The Relationship Between AP Exam Performance and College Outcomes" (2009), The College Board.
- 15. Fall AASG 2012 resolution supporting honors classes submitted by Wasilla High School

Motion to bring resolution #14 to the floor Mat-su/Hutchison Motion passes

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Unanimously Supports

Region 3: Supports, needs clarification

Region 4: Unanimously Supports

Region 5: Unanimously Supports

Region 6: Unanimously Supports

Region 7: Unanimously Supports

Mat-su Carrer Tech: Why were AP classes were discontinued?

Author: the budget was getting cut, and we would like to make it known that students want AP classes back.

Kodiak: How many and which AP classes are going to be cut?

Author: AP Stats, AP Music history and AP Art history

Palmer: AP courses are very important.

Kodiak: Point of Info: What is the average number of kids in the classes? **Author:** some classes have 15, some have 25. They may make a cut off line- 20, 25, they don't know.

<u>Ben Eielson:</u> this affects the entirety of Region 6-we have a block schedule, meaning that anyone from Region 6 can take a class around Fairbanks. If AP courses are cut there, then that means that everybody across region 6 will be cut from AP classes.

Resolution #14 Passes with Unanimous Consent

Motion to Recess for 10 minutes: West/Klawok Motion Motion Passes at 9:41

1:08 Call to Order

Awards with Nels

- 1. Student Leader of Year: Sophie Clark
- 2. Student Leadership Service of the year: Royal Henderson
- 3. Advisor of Year: Barbara Petukh
- 4. Student Councils of Excellence: Bethel Regional High School, Juneau-Douglas

Resolutions Recognitions with Douglas

- 1. Resolution #1: Zero Tolerance of Tobacco in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School
- 2. Resolution #3: Changing LKSD's Abstinence-Only Health Policy
- 3. Resolution #5: School Colors
- 4. Resolution #6: Approval of the proposed Alaska School Performance Index
- 5. Resolution #7: Restoring the Unangin Language in Unalaska City School
- 6. Resolution #8: Opening the Network Domain to Student's Personal Computers
- 7. Resolution #9: Mandating Safe Sex Education in All Alaskan High Schools
- 8. Resolution #11: Advisory Student Evaluation of Teachers to be Considered in the Evaluation of Teachers at Monroe Catholic High School
- 9. Resolution #13: Creating a Privilege Line
- 10. Resolution #14 Request for the Continuation of AP Classes at West Valley

For all passed resolutions: please follow up! Tell Doug what happened to the resolutions!

AASG Serves: Region 6 Student Council won! They received one thousand dollars for their outstanding service project.

Recognition of Outgoing Executive Board Members:

- 1. SBEED Representative Madison Manning
- 2. Region 7 Representative Theron Paul
- 3. Region 5 Representative Royal Henderson
- 4. Region 3 Representative Adam Zamudio
- 5. Region 1 Representative Stephanie Nelson
- 6. Region 2 Representative Mari Durrenburger

Special appreciation for Ms. Mirosh and Marin: they've been wonderful!

Motion to Bring Special resolution to the floor: Tri-Valley/Cordova

Motion to Call to Question: Board/Haines The question has been called

Special Resolution has been brought to the floor

Region 1: Supports

Region 2: Supports

Region 3: We feel Great! Double it! Uh! Triple it! Uh!

Region 4: Supports

Region 5: We love it!

Region 6: Whoo!

Region 7: *Screams*

Motion to amend whereas statement to add a "haha" at the end:

Board/Lathrop

Amendment Passes

Motion to add a whereas statement at the end, "Whereas West has been adopted by Bethel and is now West Bethel" West Bethel/Mat-su Career Tech Motion Passes

Motion to add "whereas happy 18th birthday Carl" Juneau-Douglas/Ben Eielson Amendment Passes

West Bethel: Point of Order: Can you turn the heat up?

Motion to add "The PARTY PARTY is in fact, on our side Monroe Catholic/Kodiak Amendment Passes

Motion to add whereas statement 27: Mitchell get to the back of the line The Board/West Valley

West Bethel: We would like to oppose the amendment because Mitchell was the first person to say it.

The Board: "Once a cutter always a cutter."

West Bethel: I oppose the amendment

Motion to Call to Question: The Board/Hutchison The Question has been called

Amendment Passes

Motion to strike whereas 22, because it is not cited: Cordova/Kenny Lake

Motion to call to question: West Anchorage/Kenny lake Question has been called

Amendment Passes

Motion to add whereas 27. "Railway of Hope was played, brought tears to our eyes, and brought up some great discussion" Meshik/Unalaska

Motion to Call to Question: Mat-su/Chevak

Amendment to the resolution passes unanimously

Motion to Add 8, "whereas Nels is just jealous that he cannot ever be AASG president": Bethel/Tri-Valley

The Board: "Low, Low."

The Board: "That was really mean. Really, really mean." Nels was

also sassy.

Amendment fails

<u>West Bethel:</u> Point of Order: Delegates should not clap when an amendment fails.

North Pole: Point of Order: The haha in number 8 has to be in 7.

West Valley: I think Mitchell is just jealous that he can't star in a movie like Nels.

Motion to call to Question: The Board/North Pole The question has been called

Special Resolution Passes

Announcement of 2014 spring conference host: Congrats to Ben Eielson!

2013 Fall Conference Highschool Juneau-Douglas: We so excited. Juneau has so many leadership opportunities as it is in the capital. The governor is coming, and delegates will tour the capitol building. Come spend Alaska day in Alaska's Capitol with Alaska's leaders. Thank you! See you there!

Announcements and Swearing in of New Region Reps:

Malia Walters as Region 2 Representative I accept

Sam Riopelle as Region 3 Representative I accept

Reanna Marquez as Region 7 Representative I accept

Anthony Lekanof as Region 5 Representative I accept

Motion to Adjourn at 2:30 Haines/Anderson Motion Passes with Noted Opposition