



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

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We are now well into the 2nd Quarter of the school year and the issues of the students have not changed much since the previous board meeting.

In October, I briefly discussed the need for better lighting in the High School Common Area (also known as our foyer.) Soon after I had brought this up, Mr. Sandborn had approached with me with the idea of renovating the entire area and asked for suggestions on things such as colour and style. Most students have suggested that our school colours be used, but to replace a bright gold with a tan yellow to make it more soothing on the eyes. The students also feel that more comfy chairs that aren't easily punctured or broken—such as leather—be used.

A new concern I have heard deals with the fact that listening to music is prohibited on school computers except for journalism and year book students. The students understand the fact that journalism and year book classes are both located in the room adjacent to the band room, but believe that if one group of students has the option to listen to music during a computer class that other students should be permitted to do so as well. They feel that work can be accomplished with music as well as without, and permitting the journalism and year book students to listen to music while they work is a great example for their hypothesis.

A suggestion from the students is for the creation of a choir class or club. Some of the students feel that appreciation for the arts is just as important as appreciation for science and math, and a choir class or club would be a great addition to our school and provide a way for students who do not have the ability to master an instrument a way to be musically involved.

There were only a few concerns that I had heard in this past month, and most of them were minor and could be easily taken care of (such as at times there is not enough potatoes for High School students during lunch).

This past month I participated in two conferences, one was AASG (Alaska Association of Student Governments) and the other being the Youth Leadership Institute, both held in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Youth Leadership Institute was a great experience and I thank you for allowing me to participate. I learned a lot of useful information on education and standards. Hopefully I will be able to return to it next year.

AASG was too a nice experience. I had the experience to travel to Anchorage with the class representatives and participate in watching a Gubernatorial Debate and passing resolutions that may greatly affect us. I have a hand out of the resolutions that were passed if any one is interested.