

Mt. Edgecumbe High School Advisory Board – Applicant Questionnaire

The Alaska Department of Education is pleased that you are potentially willing to serve on the Mt. Edgecumbe High School (MEHS) Advisory Board. In an effort to assist current MEHS Advisory Board members, the Department of Education and the Governor's Office in making the best selection possible for the vacant seats, we are encouraging you to complete the following questionnaire and return it with your letter of interest and detailed resume. Please attach additional sheets as needed.

Name Jerilyn Kelly Position Mayor

Current community of residence Quinhagak, Alaska

Current employer & position City of Quinhagak/Mayor

Previous employer & position (relevant to serving on the MEHS Advisory Board)

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association/ Working Group Member (consultant)

1. What prompted you to consider applying for the vacant MEHS Advisory Board seat?

I was actively involved with our local Advisory School Board for 10+ years. My involvement began when my kids were in their early elementary years. Now that my (two) daughters are in Mt. Edgecumbe (4 year senior/2nd year sophomore) and how my 10 year old has aspirations to attend, I am interested in getting involved with MEHS.

2. In your opinion, what special interest, perspectives, talents and/or capacities could you bring to the MEHS Advisory Board?

I can share knowledge from my past involvements that I have gained from the experiences that I had with our K-12 school and my background in head start. I have been a member of NIEA, have attended conferences and am a team player. Like many MEHS students, I come from rural Alaska and have first hand knowledge that we need to enhance our future leaders in the right direction. I have been involved with local government, am a tribal member and a shareholder for our village and regional corporations. I am a bilingual speaker and am fluent in Yupik and English with Yupik being my first language. I consider myself a lifelong learner and so I am sure that I will gain more knowledge if I was selected to serve on the board.

3. Are you, or have you ever been, directly associated with MEHS? If so, in what capacity?

When I was a sophomore in high school, I was accepted to Mt. Edgecumbe but due to personal reasons I went home shortly after. My mom is a MEHS Alumni and we are very proud of my two daughters that are committed students there. My daughter Reagan Kelly was recently selected as Student of the Month and I would like to thank all the staff for all their hard work and dedication to the students because I know that Reagan has struggled a lot with reading and writing in the past.

4. What is your vision of the role of MEHS and how a public support residential high school fits in the larger educational scheme for the State of Alaska?

My vision of MEHS is that it can spearhead other schools within the State to raise the bar of good quality education. I know that Alaskan students have lower numbers when it comes to testing and MEHS is a good example of a school that exemplifies good educational practices that other schools can follow by raising standards of future graduates and ensuring that they are equipped for college.

5. To what other boards, commissions, etc., have you been appointed? Are you currently active on any boards, commissions, etc.?

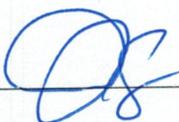
Aside from the local ASB, I was the Central Native Education Parent Advisory Committee representative for our community for about 8-10 years. I was 1 of 2 parents selected to represent our school district on the Alaska Challenge (DEED) as a parent representative. I was a past member of the National Indian Education Association. I also sat on the Christian Education (AE) Committee for the Moravian Church as the East Coast representative and was part of a rural steering committee for a children's advocacy group. I am currently the Mayor for the City of Quinhagak and the Chair for our Alaska Rural Utility Commission.

6. In your opinion, what makes you uniquely qualified for the vacant seat for which you are making application?

Since my resignation from the local ASB, I have been encouraged to go back. I have become acquainted with our local ASB policies/procedures and some of our district board policies. I want to learn more about how other school and districts operate so that I can get a perspective on how to help enhance our educational system.

7. If interested, please provide any additional information that you believe might be helpful to reviewers of your application.

I hope that MEHS has good candidates to help the school evolve. We need to continue growing and developing even during the current pandemic/crises that we all encounter in our everyday lives. We cannot allow anything to stop us from educating our future leaders.

Signature  _____

Date 3/10/22

JERILYN KELLY

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Alaska Climate Adaptation Science Center (AK CASC)

Alaska Tribal Resilience Learning Network, Working Group Member

Fairbanks, AK

Jan. 2020 – Present

- Collaborate with Learning Network staff via weekly meetings to plan, produce, and execute activities, reports, information sessions, and trainings for an Alaska Native and Indigenous audience

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)

Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative (ARUC) Representative/Chair

Quinhagak, AK

Sept. 2018 – Present

- Plan and prepare agenda with program manager, attend/chair quarterly teleconferences, and address local/statewide issues
- Report to the city council, share recommendations, review monthly budget, and attend annual meetings

City of Quinhagak

Mayor, Vice Mayor, Secretary/Treasurer

Quinhagak, AK

Jan. 2013 – Present

- Serve as Chief Executive Officer, oversee day to day operations, and supervise City Administrator & City Clerk
- Chair meetings and work sessions, work with City staff in creating an agenda, and network
- Collaborate with other organizations for community needs and ensure council decisions are carried out by staff
- Translate information on a regular basis and sign documents
- Execute budget, ensure finances are in order, and report to council
- 2019 Conference of Mayors Officer for population of up to 2,500

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP)

IGAP Coordinator, Native Village of Kwinhagak

Quinhagak, AK

Sept. 2014 – May 2021

- Develop quarterly reports and writes grants consisting of components and budget
- Serve as liaison between EPA and tribe
- Write EPA Tribal Environmental Plan for tribe to continue to receive GAP funding
- Attend annual ATCEM, AFE and Climate Change workshops and conferences
- Supervise Environmental Specialist, oversee backhaul projects for bulk tanks, lead acid batteries, solid waste
- Obtain additional solid waste funding to repair community burnbox and received funding for bed bug kits
- Plan & organize annual community clean up events
- Worked closely with EPA project officer(s), tribal administrator(s) and financial officer(s) on a regular basis

Native Village of Kwinhagak

Environmental Specialist, Accounts Receivable and Accounts Payable

Quinhagak, AK

Dec. 2002 – Feb. 2006

- Draft monthly newsletters, attend trainings and conferences, and performs additional work as directed by director
- Work under Chief Financial Officer in billing/receiving/payroll functions as a substitute and later full time basis.

Housing Committee Member

Nov. 2013 – Nov. 2014

- Attend monthly meetings, review/approve budget, and provide suggestions and report to the Joint Council (tribe/municipal)

Lower Kuskokwim School District

Central Native Education Parent Advisory Committee, Vice Chair

Bethel, AK

Sept. 2011 – May 2021

- Chair meetings in the absence of the Chairman, attend district wide meetings/teleconferences
- Learn about regional corporation programs that enhance student education on subsistence/language opportunities
- Learn about district wide summer programs for students
- Review/approve grant funding opportunity for district, allocate unused funds
- Represent LKSD as a parent representative for Alaska Challenge (DEED)

Advisory School Board Member, Chair

Sept. 2009 – May 2019

- Attended monthly meetings, reviewed and approved budget, and went over MAPS/WIDA test scores
- Implemented school wide discipline plan and visited classrooms occasionally
- Volunteered for kids open gym incentive and participated in community meetings as needed
- Attended annual ASB workshop, learned more about dual language model, and supported students' academic/sport development

Irniamta Ikayurviat, Child Advocacy Center

Rural Steering Committee Member

Bethel, AK

Jan. 2017 – May 2020

- Attend quarterly meetings as needed, talked about sensitive issues related to child sexual abuse/trauma

- Attended wellness gathering, listened to peers that have endured trauma in their past, and shared personal trauma

Association of Village Council Presidents Head Start

Bethel, AK

Teacher, Home Visitor

Jan. 2008 – Feb. 2013

- Plan and prepare classroom activities for students based on the theme of the month
- Make daily logs/observations, conduct testing for early childhood students, and assist in handwashing, tooth brushing, self-care activities
- Organize, plan, attend parent committee meetings and complete progress reports and parent/teacher conferences
- Complete all necessary paperwork for the district office, take college courses, and receive Child Development License

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Moravian Church

Quinhagak, AK

Secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Youth Group

Jan. 2008 – May 2019

- Seek out potential Sunday School teachers, create monthly schedules, study lessons, and fill in as needed

Recreation Committee

Quinhagak, AK

Member

Sept. 2014 – May 2019

- Planned, organized, participated in community wide events for New Years, Easter, July 4th, Halloween, etc.

AWARDS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

United Nations, COP26 Conference, Presenter ‘Communities on the Frontline’ (Nov. 2021)

Glasgow, RC

Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Rising Star Award (Oct. 2014)

Anchorage, AK

Alaska Forum on the Environment, Participant

Anchorage, AK

Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit, Participant

Varies

BIA Providers Conference, Participant

Varies

National Indian Education Association, Member

Varies

Alaska Municipal League, Participant

Varies

CERTIFICATIONS

Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, (Jan. 2015)

Quinhagak, AK

Child Development Association (CDA) Council, (Oct. 2011)

Quinhagak, AK

Pediatric CPR, (Aug. 2011)

Quinhagak, AK

ETS Praxis, Paraprofessional (Apr. 2011)

Quinhagak, AK

Alaska Job Corps Center, Accounting (Jun. 2000)

Palmer, AK

RELEVANT COURSES

Climate Change Adaptation Planning, (Jun. 2018)

Quinhagak, AK

Introduction to Effective GAP Management, (Sept. 2015)

Anchorage, AK

7 Generations Environmental Assessment Training, (Aug. 2014)

Anchorage, AK

ANA Pre-Application Development Training, (Mar. 2014)

Quinhagak, AK

Procurement Policies and Procedures, (Jun. 2006)

Quinhagak, AK

Payroll Tax Management, (Dec. 2005)

Quinhagak, AK