

Bilingual and Multi-Cultural Education/Equity Conference

*“Teaching and Learning Through a
Cultural Eye”*

FTA Participants: Tim Kinegak,
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Jenkins, and Marilu Slim (Kipnuk)

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Where We Come From



Chaputnguak School Chefornak



Chief Paul Memorial School Kipnuk



Where We Went



The Anchorage Sheraton



Sheraton Anchorage

Meet the FTA Students



Tim Kinegak

Age: 15 Grade: 7



Jofina Avugiak

Age: 16 Grade: 11



Darlene Jenkins

Age: 16 Grade: 10



Marilyn Slim

Age: 15 Grade: 10



Sessions, Field Trips, and Activities

- During the BMEEEC Conference the students and chaperones attended many meetings and sessions.
- The following slides are the students' thoughts regarding what they learned.
 - Some thoughts are profound and show how we opened our minds and worlds.
 - Some thoughts show how we stretched our comfort zones.
 - Some thoughts show how much fun we had!

Session: Yup'ik Immersion

We Learned...

- *“In Anchorage I did many things. I went shopping, swimming, went to go watch movies, went to eat in many different kinds of restaurants, and **most of all** I attended sessions...I learned many different things, like teaching somebody something, such as a different language, is something that I will probably always remember. If we teach someone something and we keep teaching them, like everyday, they will learn what they were taught, even if they said, at first, “I can't do it.”*

▪ *Jofina Avugiak*

Session: Yup'ik Immersion

We Also Learned...

- *“We learned we could learn to speak in Yup'ik if we didn't already know...it would just take time. Even if you're too old you could still learn how to speak Yupik...it doesn't take 3 years to learn it...you could just stay in the middle of a village and learn everything, no matter how old you are.”*

▪ Darlene Jenkins

Session: Yup'ik Navigation

- *“Today I went to Yup'ik Navigation, and I learned about the big dipper and that it moved every 2 hours...I also remember I was embarrassed in the room where I had to say my name and where I live!”*
 - Tim Kinegak

Field Trip: University of Alaska, Anchorage

- *“This field trip prepared me to know about what we need to do to be a teacher, and know about the colleges, and this college.”*
 - Jofina Avugiak
- *“I learned I had to be focused, flexible, listen, and enjoy talking to kids if I want to be a teacher.”*
 - Marilu Slim

Activity: Cultural Center in Anchorage

- *“Today I learned to Yup’ik Dance at the Cultural Center and it was really fun, and I wish that I could go dancing again...I want to learn how to dance like other villages.”*
 - *Darlene Jenkins*
- *“I learned that Inupiaq kayaks are different than Yup’ik kayaks...my favorite part of today was all the people interacting.”*
 - *Tim Kinegak*

What We Enjoyed the Most..

- *“Listening to the elders’ stories, and learning about how they are trying to help the Yup’ik Language...and meeting the other FTA groups and listening to what they have done in their meetings.”*
 - *Jofina Avugiak*
- *“Listening to people at the sessions tell about where they used to live and who they married.”*
 - *Darlene Jenkins*

What We Enjoyed the Most...continued




- *“When we played a language game and we said, ‘Mrs.. Mumbleng-aqaa tangelruan?’ and people answered, ‘Qangaa tangeqsiitaqa!’ Also, dancing at the Cultural Center.”*
 - *Darlene Jenkins*
- *“When Joyce Harris (keynote speaker on “Ensuring Your School Meets the Diverse Needs of ALL Students) was talking to us.”*
 - *Marilu Slim*

We Will Never Forget...

- *“The Hmong dancers at lunch and the Joyce Harris’ African American dolls...and that movie, which was called “The Walrus” and was about Inupiaq culture.”*
 - Jofina Avugiak
- *“Walking around the Cultural Center looking at pictures...and that one man was named after his grandma!”*
 - Tim Kinegak



Reflections

- *“Always speak Yup’ik and never give up.”*
 - Darlene Jenkins
- *“Every person can learn new things if they practice, practice, practice and never give up.”*
 - Jofina Avugiak
- *“African American and English people treat each other differently because of how they look and talk. I learned that.”*
 - Tim Kinegak
- *“I  IT HERE!”*
 - Marilu Slim