

Bio – Cass Pook

Cass Pook who is both Tlingit and Greek, was born and raised in Sitka, Alaska in 1962. Cass attended the Sitka School District from kindergarten through graduation with the class of 1980. She is Eagle/Killerwhale from the Keet-hit house in Angoon, Alaska. Cass served on the Sitka School board from 2000-2018 and also served on the Alaska Association of School Boards for 4 years. Cass was born in Sitka, Alaska at Mount Edgecumbe Hospital, now known as Mount Edgecumbe Medical Center. Her parents are Pete and Bertha Karras of Sitka. Grandparents are the late Mark and Annie Jacobs of Sitka. Cass has 5 brothers and sisters; Georgina Dapceвич, Pamela Eby, Mike Karras, Peter Karras and Ernie Karras. Cass and her husband Stewart Pook have 5 children; Cassie Branthoover, Chloe Turner, Cayla Pook, Seth Pook and Cedar Pook. Cass focuses on working in antique beaded jewelry. Due to her success as an artist and not college bound following High School, she understands the importance of vocational and trade options for students and keeping them engaged in school through vocational classes and after school activities to enhance their education. Presently Cass is enrolled at UAF pursuing her BSW degree which will be completed in the fall of 2021.

Advocacy Statement – Cass Pook

My intent to run for a seat on the Sitka School Board is years of experience and knowledge of what we are faced with in education. I feel privileged to be an advocate for our children in Sitka and hope to advocate on the AASB board again on a state level where I meet face to face with legislators. My focus is school climate, welcome environment, and student achievement outside the box of core classes such as vocation and extracurricular activities to build assets of wellness and success in our children. It is my goal to maintain programs outside the core class's to keep students engaged in learning and attending schools. I believe that I have a wealth of knowledge and support from community members with the years that I have invested on the school board. I take my position seriously, especially for the students that are in the gap and are in need of successful endings and pride in education. If re-elected I plan to run for another 3 year term with the AASB (Alaska Association of School Boards) Board of Directors. I thank you for your support in this next election and thank you for support in my past years of service.

Sincerely,
Cass Pook

