

J.V. Clark School Council

December 3, 2024

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 6:45nm
2. **Present:** Ashley Churches, Ian Spencer, Doug Cooper, Taiya Melancon, Sarah Paschuk, Terra Blanchard
 - a. Awav: Teresa Samsor
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Moved by Ian Spencer
 - b. 2nd by Ashlev Churches
 - c. All in favor
4. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** November 6, 2024
 - a. Moved by Ian Spencer
 - b. 2nd by Ashlev Churches
 - c. All in favor
5. **Reports:**
 - a. Principal:
 - i. Attendance:
 - overall school attendance at 75%, down slightly from last month, largely due to illness.
 - ii. Staff – updates:
 - hired KERRI ELLIS as front office administrator
 - Hired a new LAT, to start in the New Year
 - Still interviewing for an EA position
 - iii. Upcoming events
 - Dec. 4, Basketball fundraiser – bake sale
 - Dec. 11, first basketball tournament in Whitehorse
 - Dec. 11, FNNND will be providing hampers to all students
 - Dec. 19, Christmas concert at 7:00pm at the school
 - Dec. 20, School Council Pancake Breakfast. Food is served at 8:30am. open to the community.
 - Dec. 20, will be a full day of workshops. with local artists from within the Mayo community leading a variety of workshops. Students will have an opportunity to choose a workshop of their choice. See monthly newsletter for details.
 - Feb., gr. 6 students are participating in the Polar Games.
 - b. School Council Financial report (standing item):
 - i. Same as last month, still have not received funding from YG.
6. **Correspondence:**
7. **Community Concerns/Comments:**
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. School Growth Plan (standing item):
 - i. Within the plan targets are set for Reading and Writing. The school has assessed students from gr. 2-6 in each of these categories using the “School Wide Write” and “Fountas and Pinell” assessment models. Students are given a mark of Emerging, Developing, Proficient, or Exceeding. Currently, our students are in the

Emerging, and Developing area, with a goal to be Proficient or better by the end of the school year. We are on track to meet this goal. These assessments will happen throughout the school year to track progress. It also allows teachers to better understand where students are having difficulty (reading, writing, or comprehension), to better target their teaching.

- ii. Literacy programs being used in class are "You Fly Program" in gr. 1-3, and "Science of Reading" in gr. 4-6.
- iii. Attendance goal for whole school, is 90%. Currently we average about 80% a month.
- iv. At the Student Lead Conference held in November, there was an opportunity for Parents/Guardians to provide feedback on what they would like to see focused on at the school as part of the School Growth Plan. These are some of the things said:

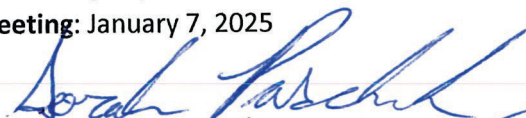
- Improve reading and spelling
- Communication home regarding after school programs and weekly schedules at the school.
 - What are good forms of communication? Facebook, Newsletter, email, website ...?
- Northern Tutchone lessons with staff. Working on greetings to use throughout the day. (staff are currently doing this)
- Antbullying, don't turn a blind eye. Respect for everyone.
 - School staff are working to address this issue. There have been lots of talks with students regarding behavior expectations, staff are to address issues when they come up. A seating plan has been implemented on the bus which appears to be working. Conversations have occurred with parents as well as letters home to discuss expectations and consequences.

- b. iPad case request: number of cases, model to be ordered. total cost?
 - i. Class set of 9 new iPads. Quote from Trinity for \$899.91 for 9 Otterbox cases.
 - Motion. for school council to purchase iPad cases for the school.
 - Moved by Terra Blanchard
 - 2nd by Ashley Churches
 - All in favor. School Council will purchase Otterbox cases

9. New Business:

- a. Pancake breakfast:
 - i. School council will host pancake breakfast on Dec. 20 at 8:30am.
- b. School attending protests without parent engagement first:
 - i. Brought forward that it is not appropriate for the school to participate in a Protest or Rally, with no parent engagement. Students did not understand what they were participating in, photos were taken that were not consented to by parents/guardians.
 - ii. The school apologizes for their mistake and understands this position.
- c. School Policies – anything we need to create or update?
 - i. One of the rolls of school council is to help create new policies where needed, and to review old policies. The Principal will look into this and bring anything forward that may need to be created or reviewed for future meetings.
- d. Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

10. Next Meeting: January 7, 2025


Feb. 11/2025