

J.V Clark School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 6th 2021

I. Call to order

Sarah Paschuk, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the J.V Clark School Council at 1834 on April 6th 2021 in the Library of J.V Clark School.

II. Attendance

Members Present: Kerri Ellis, Sarah Paschuk, Terra Blanchard, Ian Spencer, Teresa Samson

Regrets: none

Others Present: Chrissie Bernhardt, Secretary

Nicholas Viennneau, Principal

III. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kerri Ellis, Seconded by Terra Blanchard

IV. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Kerri Ellis, Seconded by Terra Blanchard

V. Business From the Previous Meeting

VI. New Business

Principal Report

- Staffing Report for next year:
 - Discussion around getting a half time teacher back. Depends a lot on enrollment.
 - Discussion around having French taught in elementary and High School.
 - Currently there is no Northern Tutchone teacher hired for next year. French will take the place of Northern Tutchone as the second language taught for next year, if a Northern Tutchone language teacher cannot be obtained. The school is actively looking for a new teacher. Once a Northern Tutchone teacher is hired further discussion will take place to possibly start French in a later grade to allow for the teacher to have more time to teach other classes. This will be discussed when more information becomes available.
 - The school is down another teacher if a Northern Tutchone teacher is not hired.

- The School is looking for Substitute Teachers. There are currently only two Substitute Teachers available.
- The current Principal did not apply for the job and will not be returning next year. His goal is to set the school up to where it would have been if he were returning. We wish him luck on his future endeavours and thank him for his hard work.
- One teacher is currently on medical leave and therefore the school is unable to hire a new teacher until they know if they will be returning.
 - Discussion on moving the grade 3-4 teacher to a different position to better accommodate the students if the teacher is unable to return for the new school year. The Principal will update when more information becomes available.
- **Busing:**
 - Currently the bus driver will be on a temporary two-week rotation from Whitehorse until a permanent replacement is found. Advertisements have been posted for the position.
- **J.V Clark Stats**
 - Discussion of School Stats, FSA (Foundation Skill Assessment), Math, Reading etc. The School will be looking at stats this year to see if there is an improvement.
 - Attendance is not great when compared to other rural schools. JV Clark needs to work on High School Attendance-providing support and encouraging regular attendance as the High School Attendance is bringing down the overall average attendance rate.
 - There will be monthly prizes for Best Attendance and Most Improved Attendance in each grade.
- **Graduation**
 - This year Graduation is May 29th 2021. There can be up to 100 people outside; this may change with new government. The plan would be to have it outside with a BBQ. This would be by invite only due to Covid 19 restrictions.
 - First Nation Grad is June 11st in Whitehorse.
- **Monthly Slips**
 - 15 yellow
 - 0 red
 - Lots of green!
 - There will be a Pizza Lunch for prizes.
- **Literacy Program**
 - Beginning next year, throughout the Yukon, Fountas and Pinnell will be introduced for Kindergarten. There will be lots of Professional Development for Teachers using the program. This literacy program is new to the Yukon and the Principal will report back in May on the specifics of the new program.
 - \$3000 worth of new books for grades k-5 was ordered. These books were ordered to support the reading programs. Some of the books currently at the school are old and some are missing. These new books are to restock. The hope is that they will arrive

before the end of this school year and they will be ready for use the beginning of next school year.

VII. K4/Kindergarten

- Discussion on keeping K4 as a half day and increasing Kindergarten to a full day.
- If Kindergarten goes to a full day, a full time EA for next year has been requested by the Principal. School Council would like to discuss changing Kindergarten to a full day with NND, however, NND's schedule will not allow for a timely response.
- School Council Recommendation to be sent-keep K4 at a half day and increase Kindergarten to a full day.

Moved by Ian Spencer, Seconded by Kerri Ellis.

VIII. Finance

- Chrissie Bernhardt has started as Secretary. The plan will be to get her on signing authority as soon as it can be arranged with the bank.

IX. Community Concerns

- None
- Reading night-Cancelled, due to prepping for fundraiser.

X. Requests

- The Principal requests that School Council provide \$1000 for Attendance awards-End of year.

Moved by Teresa Samson, Seconded by Kerri Ellis

Next meeting scheduled for May 4th 2021 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

