

March 2, 2021

JV Clark School Council – Minutes

Attendance: Ian Spencer, Terra Blanchard, Teresa Samson, Kerri Ellis, Sarah Paschuk, Nicholas Vienneau (Principal), Gordon Miller (Superintendent), Lori Chroquette (Council Liaison)

Agenda Approved: Added Sean Charbonneau; moved by Ian Spencer, Second by Kerri Ellis

February 2, 2021 minutes – Moved Ian Spencer, Second Kerri Ellis

Principal Report:

- **Job postings:** waiting for HR to give go ahead to post. Hold up due to layoff's happening around the territory; department in negotiations with YTA for how to deal with absorbing laid off teachers. Superintendent meeting with hiring committee next week to go over hiring plan, Principal will get go ahead to post jobs after this. No official timeline for hiring, but we are ahead of last year.
- **Bussing:** Standard Bus has said we may not have a bus driver until after March Break. One interview has been done; have not heard results of this interview. Standard Bus also announced they are using the school bus to do the shift change contract with Victoria Gold once a month. This raises huge COVID concerns with sanitization of the bus and potential COVID exposure to students and the driver. Bus contract is between Standard Bus and YG education Dept.
 - a. **Action: Superintendent and Liaison to follow up with YG contract lead regarding bus driver issues and concerns with using the school bus for Victoria Gold employees.**
- **School Growth Plan:** Next step to meet with superintendent and discuss data collection and assessment.
- **K4/5** – full time, is it a go ahead? Communities have pushed back saying they are not ready for full day K4/5. Space and capacity is a big issue. Extra staffing would be number specific. K4 is not mandatory; how will this affect daycares in communities?
- **Secondary Students:** students participating in MacEwan University zoom conference for Indigenous Youth Rising. Grade 7-12 is working with Carlton University on an Art project (mural at the skateboard park) and in PE, all via zoom
- Whole school is participating in Fiddle lessons
- Students will be fur tufting for the Northern Tutchone teacher's retirement gift.
- Grad hot dog fundraiser did well
- Hot lunch program is running twice a week, and left overs are used on off days to feed kids that don't have a lunch.
- Buying more books for PM Benchmark program via NND funding
- Behavior program doing well – month of February, 12 yellow cards, and 2 Red cards
- Good behavior prizes-gift cards from Canadian Tire and Wal-Mart (to be purchased soon)
- NND is providing funding for kitchen equipment
- Portfolio day is March 12 (no school). All teachers will be present.

Superintendent Report:

Next Year's Staffing:

- Teacher allotment is based on student enrollment in Aspen. JV Clark is down 0.5 of a teacher for next year due to 55 students projected enrollment. Teacher allotment is not final. Council feels projected number should be 58 (same as last year) due to a few students currently enrolled in homeschooling. Superintendent will meet with hiring committee next week to present our arguments; council did write a letter in favor of 9 full time teachers.

Action: Superintendent to look into K4/5 fulltime roll out information, and present on councils/schools behalf for 9 full time teachers next year.

Sean Charbonneau:

- Would like to submit an application for Every Child Every Day funding. Council approves. Application is for furniture for each classroom to create a welcoming and relaxing atmosphere for kids, can also double as quiet reading space. In high school it would create a gathering/hangout space outside of instructional hours. Create a main gathering space in the mezzanine area at front entrance of the school. As well, teacher can bring in special guest instructors for shop, metal works, art, music, physical education etc. to further engage students in subjects that interest them. The idea is to provide a broad range of topics and activities, and create a welcoming space so that students want to come to school. Asking for \$20,000.

Old Business:

Reading Night:

- March 11, 2021. Ask students if they would like to read. If not, Ian, Terra, and Kerri will read.

Fundraiser:

- Pizza Night-When: April 9, 2021; Prep night April 8, 2021; Where: cooking and pick up will be done at the school; Shopping trip will be done closer to date. Cost and pick up times TBD.

From the Ground Up:

- Do we want to participate? Response needs to be in by May 11, 2021.
- Hold off, NND is working on setting up a similar program through their two farm locations in order to provide school and families with veggies. Meat products may be possible too.

Meeting Adjourned 7:50pm

Next meeting April 6, 2021 at 6:30pm

