

J.V Clark School Council

Meeting Minutes

May 4th 2021

I. Call to order

Sarah Paschuk, Chair, called to order the regular meeting of the J.V Clark School Council at 6:39pm on May 4th 2021 in the Library of J.V Clark School.

II. Attendance

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

Regrets: Teresa Samson

Others Present: Chrissie Bernhardt, Secretary

Nicholas Vienneau, 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. Reports

Principal Report

- **Staffing Report for next year:**
Not able to post current vacant positions. The vacant positions will be posted soon. The Principal position is currently posted.
- **Busing:**
There is currently a driver that will stay on until the end of the year from Whitehorse. They will be staying in town during the week. There is no one hired for next year. Job is currently posted.
- **School Growth plan**
The School Growth plan has been sent for final approval, going to be shown to other administrators on Friday, May 7th 2021. Focus to improve literacy skill and improve high school graduation rate. Measurements will be DART school wide writes and compare stats from this

year to next year. For the High School Graduation rate it focuses on bringing students back and having them graduate. The School Growth Plan will be posted to the website.

- **Fountas and Pinnell program update – Kindergarten literacy program**

There is supposed to be intensive work shop training. The books for the program are currently being used. No formal answers on when this training will take place. Principal will send an email when more information is available.

- **Grad Planning**

The meal will be kabobs, salads and dessert. Tents and picnic tables will be set up in the soccer field for the 100 people invited to attend. There will be a drive-thru for the community to pick up food. The guest list is complete. The caps and gowns have been ordered. A School Council Member will give a speech. All prep for the celebration will be done the day before.

- **Outcome for Every Student Every Day Application**

The school has applied through Vic Gold for attendance initiatives. They have not heard back yet.

- **Scheduling for Elementary**

French will now start in grade 3.

If the school is unable to find Northern Tutchone teacher for next year it will make it very difficult for the schedule to work with the amount of teachers currently allotted to the school.

- **Monthly Slips**

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Lots of green!

All classes received a Pizza lunch for the prize.

- **Wall Mural**

On May 31st-June 4th 2021 High School Students will work with Carleton University to create a Wall Mural. People will travel from Whitehorse to help. The proposed wall to complete the project on is by the skate park. Wall not yet approved, location may change, based on sun exposure.

Next year Carleton University will work with the High School Students to create an entrepreneur program. Students will run a business out of the school. They will have access to Shopify, a platform to sell their products thru the University.

- The Yukon Team will be returning on May 31st-June 4th 2021, they will help out with the Wall Mural. There will be a BBQ to celebrate.

- **Reading and Writing Stats**

For the School wide write only one student is not meeting expectation. Reading assessment for grades 1-6, only one student is not meeting expectation. The teachers like using DART.

APTN would like to do a story about the improvement of the schools literacy with the Yukon First Nation Education Directorate Programs and Teachers.

For students in grades 7, 8 and 9 there is only one student not meeting expectation, however, a lot of students are at the minimum requirements, they are borderline. There needs to be a focus on literacy next year. The most recent test completed show a little improvement from last test.

The results for BONE-Kindergarten test will be in June.

VI. Financial report

Currently on track.

Year-end financial to be completed next month.

VII. Correspondence

Response received for School Council's recommendation to have K4 half days and K5 full days for the next school year. School Council was thanked for the information they provided, however, at this time it is unsure if it will go ahead as recommended. It is currently in a holding pattern.

A Parent is concerned that there has been a lot of religious talk from a teacher at recess. The Principal will address this concern.

Some of the boys on the High School side have been misbehaving in the restrooms.

Some students have been hiding out in the washrooms during class times. The solution may be to remove the outside doors from the boy's restrooms.

VIII. Old business

Reading night will stop for the remainder of the year. The weather is so nice the children would rather be outside playing in the evening. Reading night will be revisited in the fall whether to restart or not

The Lasagna Fundraiser raised \$765 dollars after the supplies were bought. There was a \$150 donation from Midnight Sun Outfitting. A suggestion was put forth to have gluten free noodles if there is another Lasagna fundraiser. Overall it went very well. There was a need for more kitchen aids.

IX. New business

Next meeting scheduled for June 1st 2021 at 6:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David F. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".