

J.V. Clark School Council

November 2nd, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to Order: 6:31pm

- a. Present: Teresa Samson, Terra Blanchard, Ian Spencer, Ashley Churches, Sarah Paschuk, Douglas Cooper, Chelsea Dolan

2. Approval of Agenda

a. **Approval of Previous Minutes: October 5, 2023**

- i. Moved by : Ian Spencer
- ii. 2nd by: Terra Blanchard
- iii. Approved, signed

3. Reports:

a. **Principal:**

- i. Attendance, yearly average?
 - Increase overall attendance 76% average for the month of October. Increase of 2% from September
 - 2 students were held back from the high school volleyball trip to Dawson in November due to low attendance. Students must attend school regularly in order to go on volleyball trips. This is seen overall as good motivation to attend.
- ii. Staff – job postings
 - Kindergarten position was posted as a temp till Christmas. The school has one applicant. Interviews happening soon.
 - Position for Office Admin staff to be posted soon
- iii. October 27 Pro-D day, how did it go?
 - Some staff were away in Dawson for Volleyball tournament
 - Participated in suicide awareness training – Commit to kids
 - Other learning centers
- iv. Upcoming events
 - November 2-4 gr. 6/7 volleyball tournament in Whitehorse
 - Remembrance Day ceremony Nov. 10, Community welcome
 - November 16-17 JV Clark is hosting Ross River, Carmacks, and Pelly for a volleyball tournament. Participants will stay at the school.
 - November 18 – high school students will be attending the Christmas Bazaar in Dawson
 - November 23 – Student Lead Conference at the School. School Open from 10:00am – 3:30pm for parents/guardians and students to visit the school and talk with teachers. No School for students
 - November 24 – Pro-D Day – No school for students
 - Dec. 14 – school Christmas concert
 - Dec. 15 – Pancake Breakfast, hosted by School Council

- v. Rebranding decision
 - No decision so far.
 - Taking the opportunity to use it as a learning opportunity about voting and democracy.
 - b. School Council Financial report (standing item)
 - i. No change from last month
 - ii. Funding agreement came in. Is now signed and sent to the Dept. of Ed. New agreement pays funding for 2 years.
- 4. Correspondence:**
- 5. Community Concerns/Comments**
- 6. Old Business:**
- a. School Growth Plan (standing item)
 - i. School gathered parent/guardian/community input during Octobers Student Lead Conference. Currently working to compile and review this input.
 - ii. Will present a plan to council for discussion when ready
 - b. Drafted letter for 7th street extension-reserve 3lots/houses for teachers.
 - i. Edits were added. Will send out in November
 - ii. Council supports this extension and the opening of new lots. Council is also requesting that Yukon Housing Corp. and the Dept. of Education work together to reserve 3 lots and develop housing for teachers.
 - iii. Lack of housing is a big issue in Mayo
- 7. New Business:**
- a. Every Child Every Day – previous application, re-direction of money ~\$27,000?
 - i. Moved to next meeting
 - b. lice policy for the school – look at other policies, and adopt/adapt as needed
 - i. developing a no nit policy in line with Daycares policy
 - ii. when signed and approved, the policy will posted to the school website
 - c. **Motion:** provide 50% (\$500) to JV Clark School to cover equipment costs for the Woodshop, as part of Brett Stauffer’s Youth Investment Fund Application.
 - i. Moved by: Ian Spencer
 - ii. 2nd by: Teresa Samson
 - iii. Approved
 - d. **Motion:** reimburse Sarah Paschuk for Pancake Breakfast groceries (\$279.99).
 - i. Moved by: Ian Spencer
 - ii. 2nd by: Terra Blanchard
 - iii. Approved
 - e. Is the school able to find and frame past School photos to hang in the high school hallway? Currently goes to 2014.
 - i. No, these group school photos were only taken until 2014, subsequent years did not take group school photos.
 - ii. Will ask Star Flower Photography to do this photo next year.
 - iii. Reach out to grads since 2014 for individual photos to hang as well

f. Heritage Block discussion

- i. 1 hour every Wednesday the whole school gets together to participate in a FNNND culture related activity.
- ii. The current setup of having the whole school participate at one time is too much for the instructors to handle at one time. Kindergarten to grade 12 is a very wide range of skills and attention spans to accommodate for one activity.
- iii. Frequency of Heritage block, once a week, is too much for FNNND Heritage department to participate in every week. Suggest changing to once a month, at least as far as having the Heritage department involved.
- iv. Option to do polar games like activities
- v. There is a need to create concrete lesson plans for Heritage block, rather than general activities. Work in progresses as this is a new program initiative.
- vi. Construction has started on the outdoor classroom. Contractors coming back next month to complete the project. This will provide an excellent outdoor space for First Nation cultural learning.

8. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:54pm

9. **Next Meeting:** December 7, 2023

Sarah Pachuk
Jan. 4/2024