

J.V. Clark School Council

October 6, 2022

Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 7:36pm
 - a. Present: Sarah Paschuk, Terra Blanchard, Teresa Samson, Ian Spencer, Mahshid Hassani, and Ashley Churches
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda additions:
 - a. Food for learning - Starting Breakfast
 - b. Health Survey
 - c. FNNND Teacher Orientation
 - d. Celebration of Reading
 - e. Christmas Schedule

Agenda Approved: moved by Teresa Samson, 2nd by Terra Blanchard

3. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Aug. 16, 2022
 - a. Moved by Terra Blanchard, 2nd by Teresa Samson
4. **Reports:**
 - a. **Principal:**
 - i. **Pro-D day summary:**
 1. School based conference in Whitehorse, teachers seemed to enjoy it and get a lot out of it.
 2. Held at Yukonstruct, got to go around to all the available stations and workshops there. Terra McCauley is looking into creating a student field trip to Yukonstruct
 3. Looking at bringing in Skills Canada for Instructor training on 3D printer at JV Clark. Want to start utilizing some of the technology we have available at JVC. Starts with training staff.
 - ii. **How are things progressing so far**
 1. **Student attendance:**
 - a. No change. Attendance in elementary end is good. High school end comes and goes, some days are great, others have very few students present.
 2. **Staff morale:**
 - a. Excellent. Staff are working well together
 3. **Student evaluations (literacy & numeracy):**
 - a. Teachers are doing their own assessments for their records and to establish a starting point for each student.
 - b. Yukon assessments are School Wide Writes and DART
 - c. Amy Noseworthy is working with Whitehorse teachers to do collaborative marking for numeracy. This ensures teachers are marking the same across Yukon.

iii. Upcoming events:

1. Celebration of Reading Nov. 1, 2022 for grades K-12
 - a. Activities include: Elders in the school, musicians, food, and a zoom event with an Author.
 - b. JVC received a grant of \$10,000 in order to put this event on. Each student will also receive a gift of books to take home.

iv. Every child everyday funding update:

1. Funding from last year 2021 is \$13,000 needs to be spent by end of November.
 - a. Possible purchases include: Furniture for classrooms, and technology for guest speakers (microphones, sound equipment etc.)
 - b. An additional \$27,000 of funding is available for this year, once last years funding is spent. The idea for this funding is to motivate students to get involved with school events and activities, as well as to provide the students with an inviting learning space that they want to be in.
 - i. Possible purchases include: school spirit type swag (mascots uniform, school colours, jersey's, clothes, a stocked store at the school etc.).
 - ii. Students have said they would like a clothing store in Mayo for hoodies.
 - iii. Create a lounge space in the upper foyer for high school students (furniture, tables, games, etc.).
 - iv. Idea to purchase a silk screening machine to be able to create clothing with student designs. This could also be used as an entrepreneurship program.
 - v. Creating a school spirit day
 1. School Council would like to get involved, if additional funding may be needed for Spirit day activities or supplies.
 - c. Side note: Canada Games Center did donate jersey's to JVC. Not the right colours, but good for practice and gym class.
 - v. **Carlton University:** Par (helped with Skateboard program last year) would like to continue being involved at JVC. Looking into him coming to give some talks to high school students, sharing his story and struggles he has overcome.
- b. Side note question from staff - What does Council do/fund?**
- i. We provide guidance to school administration on what the community would like to see in the school. We try to provide a bridge between community members and the school.
 - ii. We also provide input on things like: school policy developments, and school growth planning.
 - iii. We have a limited amount of money available to us, that we use to fund school based activities or equipment needs. This is normally driven by teacher

requests. We can also help write or provide support for funding applications to various funding sources that teachers or administration may apply too.

- c. Would like to provide more support to Northern Tutchone class, make it more than just a language class. Build it into a class that supports language, and culture (art, music, dance, events etc.), Teresa to reach out to Northern Tutchone teacher to develop ideas and training/materials needed to support her.

5. **Correspondence:** None

6. **Community Concerns/Comments:** None

7. **Old Business:**

a. **School Growth Plan:** Available on School website.

i. Are we doing it?

1. We are trying. Each teacher has their own program they are comfortable with teaching for literacy. This can lead to students using different literacy programs every year. The school growth plan indicates creating a unified literacy program that is used throughout the whole school to create consistency. JVC is reaching out to teachers to use the reading/writing powers program in their classrooms. This is a very versatile program that can be used with any book. Teachers can use this program with other programs of their choice. A pro-D day will be used to provide teachers with training.
2. The grade 1/2/3 and 4/5/6 teacher are taking training in Mathology program to provide a consistent math program in the elementary end.
3. High school: teachers are working to develop strong trusting relationships with students. Teachers working on reflective skills (why did this work vs. not this? How can I change this? ...), actively modelling these skills for students will help students develop personal reflection skills as well, supporting positive learning behaviors.
4. Offered electives: Shop, WEX program (work experience). Mahshid, and Terra McCauley are working to get students extra credits for activities outside of school.

8. **New Business:**

a. **Nominations for vacant seat:**

i. Council nominates Ashley Churches to vacant elected seat.

1. Moved by Mahshid Hassani, 2nd Teresa Samson
2. Nomination papers were signed by Ashley Churches and Sarah Paschuk (Chair). **Sarah to send into YG education Dept. on Tuesday.**

b. **Yukon School Councils Fall Conference Nov. 4-5:**

- i. Decided that Sarah Paschuk, Terra Blanchard, and Ashley Churches will attend the School Councils Fall Conference Nov. 4-5.
- ii. Council will pay \$ 0.61/km and hotel for Friday night. Moved by Ian Spencer, and 2nd by Teresa Samson.

c. **Lasagna Fundraiser:**

i. No Lasagna dinner this year.

d. Pancake breakfast re-schedule:

- i. Re-scheduled to Dec. 15, 2022.

e. FNNND Teacher Orientation:

- i. Will be held on October 28, 2022. This will include students and will be a full day of activities lead by FNNND. A field trip to FNNND government house will be included.

f. Teachers Pay Teachers:

- i. This is a website that allows teachers to share and buy teaching materials created by other teachers.
- ii. JVC is asking council to set up an account of \$2000.00 for all teachers to use as needed.
- iii. Council will review the request and provide an answer at the next meeting, Nov.3, 2022.

g. Yukon Food For Learning:

- i. JVC has been funded to start providing a breakfast service for students. This will be a simple cereal and fruit type of breakfast, offered before the start of class.
- ii. Question to FNNND: is school cook able to come in earlier and provide help with clean up? School staff can setup breakfast in the morning.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57pm

9. **Next Meeting:** November 3, 2022

Joseph Paschuk
Dec. 1/2022.