

JV Clark School Council

October 26, 2020

**Minutes**

Call to Order: 6:29pm

**Present:** Kerri Ellis, Ian Spencer, Terra Blanchard, Teresa Samson, Nancy Hager, and Sarah Paschuk

School Staff: Rosemary Popadyne, Mahshid Hassani, Chloe Edbrooke

**Public:** Sandy Washburn

**Regrets:** Jennifer Brooker

**Agenda Approved:** moved by Kerri

**Principal Report:**

Position that need to be filled: gr. 3/4 (position being offered to successful candidate soon); Eng./Lang Arts/SS – still writing Narrative Summary before position can be offered; Northern Tutchone language teacher – two applicants screened out because they did not have a teaching certificate (Council may want to look at requesting the job requirements be changed. Suggested: applicant is working towards certificate; or certificate would be an asset. Rosemary to send Giana's contact info); one EA position posted.

Teacher on sick leave, returned Oct. 20, 2020

**Upcoming events:**

Pro-D Day Nov. 20, 2020 – Respectful Workplace Workshop

Online French presentation Oct. 27, 2020 (Grades 1-6)

Beaver River Project Presentation to Grades 7-12 Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> (Steven Buyck, and Leslie Cabbott)

**Guest Teachers:** Mahshid Hassani and Chloe Edbrooke

Spoke about the differences between PM benchmark and Read Well programs. Are currently teaching the PM Benchmark program with the phonics section of Read Well. If parents would like their student to continue in the Read Well program teachers can send packages home. But in class will be PM Benchmark. Parents are welcome to visit the class and see how the program works. Mahshid has seen literacy improvements in all gr. 1-2 students.

Pat Spence has been acting as the LAT teacher. Has tested all students (K-12) in literacy. Students not at grade level will receive one on one help to get them up to grade level.

Rosemary has been working with teachers to train in teaching literacy with the PM Benchmark program. Provides consistency for students.

**Council Suggested:** implementation of Agenda and homework sign off by parents, in order to keep parents and teachers informed of child's progress in class and at home.

Attendance was brought up as a big issue in preventing students from progressing.

**Parent Suggested:** FNNND shuttle bus pilot project to pick kids up if they have missed the bus or are consistently not at school.

**Council to think about and discuss ways to increase student attendance.**

**Reading Night:** Nov. 12 at 6:30pm at the school gym. School Council to read books for first night. Sarah will buy pre-packaged snacks, and put up posters.

**Elect Chair:** Sarah nominated herself.

**Moved by:** Kerri Ellis

Second by Nancy Hager

**Sarah to fwd.** draft letters to Yukon Housing and Education HR, Draft Dispute Resolution Policy, Table of Council Responsibilities.

Will there be an awards day for last year?

Rosemary: No, not at this time. It would be hard to organize and figure out who gets what awards at this point. Grading stopped in March when schools were closed due to the global COVID pandemic.

**Council Suggested:** Teachers be reminded that it is their responsibility to be ready for online/at home reading at any time. Rosemary to take inventory and gather supplies that may be needed for at home learning.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm, Next meeting December 1, 2020.

*Sarah Paschall*  
Chair JV Clark School Council