

JFC School Council - Nov 2, 2020 - Minutes

Attendees: Sarah Kennedy, Ashley Jardin, Charity Friesen, Marcus Hoare, Paul Fracas, Anna Maste

- Gaga ball court - delayed.
- See if there are alternatives for spending Gaga ball money?
- Opportunity for an innovative outdoor classroom?
 - Armorstone, permanently fixtured logs for seating
 - Email budget opportunity and grant ideas to Ashley & Marcus to spearhead outdoor classroom
 - UW may be available to help
- Other money:
 - Lots of PPE & hand sanitizer, no need for that
 - Money needed for more Chromebooks
- Online reading resources
 - RAZ Kids renewed
 - French reading resources
 - **Anna will ask Mme Colleaezi about french programs**
- Council Elections - delay until next month with hope for more attendees
 - **Anna will contact Sandra to ask if she can be Secretary**

Principal's Report

Special Ed - Sarah McCrea has left, Ms Demsey is taking over

Ms. Lindsay Brown taking over 5/6 teacher role

Admin planned program for social/emotional support for students, 2.5 months in things are going well with staff and students

Multiple reorganizations, more than ever happened

35 children moved to distance learning in October.

Board will not reorg again until February

300 schools have been affected by Covid

This seems sustainable right now, but there is the possibility that we may lose staff to make things more difficult. But it's also possible that students will return in February, things could go either way.

Outbreak situation at JFC was an interesting experience, biggest struggle was not being able to communicate it efficiently and appropriately. Public health takes over communication and admin was unable to communicate with the transparency they wanted.

Found there was a potential case, but were not given any more info. Told Friday night that there was an Outbreak being declared. Parents were told by public health whether or not they were to keep siblings home. Public health did an amazing job of narrowing down things.

Even though physical distancing is required, teachers are creative and are doing a good job of keeping kids engaged.

Distance learning staff on campus are still part of the family.

What's on your mind:

Photo day? Not this year, they are considered non-essential.

Empower program? On hold until Ms. Dempsey gets up to speed. Collapsed classes have allowed staff to provide support periods with teachers that can be dispatched into classrooms for literacy.

No pizza day either, don't want external people in, or extra outside vectors.

N4L is still running, it was approved by the board.

Do the kids have to wear their masks outside? In September, there was a lot of caution, now, if they can't guarantee the distancing they wear a mask, but kids can decide to remove it if they can keep their distance.

TV/movies are being used to engage kids during non-instruction time/nutrition breaks to keep kids entertained. Down to 15 classrooms, lunch supervisors are looking after less classes. "Learn 360" movie library has options for teachers to choose from.

Extended Day & YDP - slightly different protocols. It is mixing cohorts. Very few kids in both programs now, cleaning protocols include lots of handwashing, cleaning rooms before and after students. YDP does an extra screening process.

School Improvements - Brand new windows, duct work and air conditioning, more to come next year. New flooring, new LED lights, library is fully renovated. New washrooms next year.

Washrooms - we have a gender neutral washroom by the gym, covid protocol has students go as a class to the washroom at scheduled time, but the single gender neutral one is available at all times for students.

Report Cards - Progress reports are being printed next week, will go out the following week. Some will have limited data due to absences, or because curriculum has not yet been covered yet. Physical paper to be sent home with the kids. Teacher meetings on afternoon of PD Day will still be encouraged, probably expect them to be done virtually if at all possible.