

AGENDA

Holy Family School Council Meeting
Mon, Oct 4, 2021, 1900-2100

Attendance:

Members:

- Gina Anderson
- Amy Fry
- Myriam Lafrance
- Erin Spiewak
- John Williams

Principal:
Vice-Principal:
Guests:

- Maria Gray (regrets)
- Patti Oxford
- Minister McLean, DM Morgan

- 1) Opening prayer (JW)
- 2) Discussion with special guests Minister McLean and DM Morgan (All)
 - Attached
- 3) Financial update (funding has been approved!) (ES)
 - Operating budget was received by Chair for 2021-2022. AF to sign and drop off at DOE to receive funding. Last year's financial statement was approved by DOE
 - Received funding for Sensory Room. Pattie and John will work to fulfill obligations and implement
- 4) In-camera session - none
- 5) Parental communication and concerns
 - Parents are not able to access sensory room for private therapy
 - Need to consider vegan pizza options
- 6) Principal's report (MG/PO)
 - Staffing – pending: admin assistant to cover until March, 0.5 EA and Grade 4 still on leave
 - TOC crisis continues and student safety plans are increasing, likely a result of being short staffed.
 - Property Management system- fixing the sidewalk at the back of school. Need to fix the turning angle for the bus lane out on Wann (too sharp)
 - School Growth Plan – have not updated yet, but soon.
 - Orange shirt day – did a walk around the school on Wednesday to honour Truth and Reconciliation
 - Sports are back to normal.
 - Skating and swimming!
 - Games club in grade 7

Action: Table to next meeting.

- 7) Pizza lunch—first set for Oct 8 (ES)
 - Next one is Nov 6th

8) Sledding party—Reschedule date

- Dec 2 (ML)

End 9:05

Summary of Meeting with Minister McLean and DM Morgan

1. Parking lot redesign

- Thank you for eliminating a hazard to our students crossing Wann road.
- Front Entrance Landscaping- wanted to combine the two projects to reduce resources but was never included in the design
- Not 100% complete – fencing at Wann Rd should be finished in October. Currently painting lines
- Chris Hanlon at DOE is the main operations contact. Send letter to CH regarding landscaping

2. Shortage of teachers on call at Holy Family

- Patti gave an overview of direct impact of teacher shortage at school. Need qualified subs.
- Strategy to recruit:
 1. Survey of TOCs – why are they not taking the calls? COVID response plans. Welcome ideas for solving problem. Yukon U grads might be an option for January. Different/difficult recruiting yea. Not recruiting teachers across the country. DOE applying an aggressive recruitment.

3. Enrollment and long terms growth plans at Holy Family Elementary School.

- School is often at capacity and need to turn families away
- First primary school in 20 years and work on aging facilities. YG is behind on school infrastructure
- Vanier is not planning to expand so need to put the vision together through CEAY for the three catholic schools
- All part of capital planning. The first step was to digitize catchment areas to help to manage resources. Establishes a process for attending school outside catchment for future– ask Ryan for copy
- Building Advisory Committee – Report

Action: Meeting with the 3 catholic school and DOE to address at shortage of space at Catholic schools. Commitment to follow up

4. Long wait time for learning assessments through the Dept forcing families to either get private assessments or go without.

- Patti provided overview of HF situation
- Area of concern for many schools. Part of child advocate report – recommend more and timely assessments. First time the review was completed by an external party.
- Summit – Review of Inclusive and Special Education on Nov 12th with school councils and committees. Establish working groups to get supports for students. Need to move forward on recommendations. Students need to learn = investment in future. Priority for government. Focus on rural communities for early learning (attached executive summary of report)
- Apply adaptive learning model

5. First Nations School Board

- What does this means for our school and school council? Probably nothing but Minister is responsible to support the process. Currently a First Nation Framework which is supported by 10 FNs. Still a number of steps to get there.
- Trigger to start this process will be when a SC agrees to dissolve. No pressure to join and can join for a period after the Board is established. Similar model to French school board.

- Already in the Act. No changes to Act

6. Transportation (Amy)

- online registration – intention to integrate software with ASPEN. Still working on it

Summary of actions:

Action	Item Description	Lead	Completed
3.	Find criteria for Mental Health awareness that SC ran a few years ago.	AF	
	Follow up letter to CH regarding landscaping	ES	
	Ensure follow up meeting with 3 catholic school occurs. Planning for long term growth of catholic education in Whitehorse. Request report from Building Advisory Committee.	JW	

Dates to Remember:

1. CEAY AGM October 19 – 7pm Vanier Library
2. Halloween Door Decorating Contest
3. Pizza lunch November 6th
4. Inclusive Education Summit – November 12th
5. Sledding Party Shipyard Park December 2th