

ADM of Policy and Partnerships: Kelli Taylor
ADM of First Nations Initiatives: Lori Duncan
Superintendents of Schools:
Area 1: Paul McFadyen
Area 2: Chris Stacey
Area 3: Marilyn Marquis-Forster

The four priorities for the Superintendents are:

#1: Fiscal Responsibility – support schools to efficiently utilize budgets and stay on track

#2: Teacher Evaluation – A new teacher evaluation process was adopted. This is based

on modern research and is designed to enhance teacher growth with a more descriptive and detailed description

of

teacher practice that influences student successes.

#3: School Growth Plans – is to help schools build their plans. Schools will identify

that priorities. Use of the spiral of Inquiry is continuing, This approach focuses around several key questions

that

staff move through to support growth

Is a process to support student and school growth.

And aligns with curriculum design and is focused on improving student learning

#4: Learning Support – working collaboratively to help implement the revised curriculum, including:

- assessment changes, grading and reporting
- inclusion of YFN perspectives and Ways of Knowing and

Doing

Yukon schools follow the BC curriculum, with adaptations to include:

- Yukon content; and
- Yukon First Nations' Ways of Knowing, doing and being

It has been a challenging year with the COVID 19 impact on schools. There have been lessons learning from it as professionals.

The Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMO) recognizes that:

- The virus has a low infection rate I children and youth,
- Schools play a vital role in communities and in the physical, social, emotional and educational development of children and youth
- the suspension of classes had an unintended educational, health and

wellbeing impacts on students and their families. In particular to students who are in need of additional or special assistance

- This can have a negative learning disruption impact, short, or long term on the educational outcomes, achievement levels and school dropout

rates

The Minister of Education has agreed with the CMO's recommendation that all students return to classes for the 2020-21 school year. There are infection prevention measures put in place.

The PD Days are being used to teach more of the blended learning in place. This is face to face, or on line virtual, in case it needs to be that schools have to close again due to an outbreak of COVID 19.

A guideline to ensure all teachers are on the same path at the school is being worked on at Jack Hulland.

The main areas to be concentrated on are: literacy, numeracy/core competency

5. **Report from Principal:**

Ann provided a report:

Funding has been received from the Victoria Gold for this year. Due to the COVID restrictions, school has asked for some leniency on how to proceed with this. Staff involved are thinking about doing something in regards to student engagement rather than attendance. The school is being very cautious and focusing on attendance when being very diligent about staying home when sick.

Staff has been doing student assessment to see where the students are after such a long absence. They are finding a significant regression among students. Many of the Gr. 2 students are reading at a beginning to mid-grade 1 level.

Teachers are embracing the Forest Schooling. The Gr. 7 and 6/7 classes are planning Field trips – Kids on the Farm and canoeing.

Parents are limiting their entry into the school and are being respectful about pick ups and drop offs. Teachers spend a few weeks at the end of the summer break getting

their classrooms ready, building dividers for tables and storing extra furniture and supplies to make room for physical distancing.

Class configuration had to be altered to use the class space wisely. Created larger class sizes for the large classrooms which allowed our Gr. 4 wing to have a maximum of 16 students per grade. School is also reconfiguring the LAT room to make an extra Classroom. This means the school can keep primary class sizes smaller.

Re-evaluating how to provide reporting opportunities that allow the staff to interact with parents. There will virtual open house meetings that are being planned. Zoom meetings for the parent/teacher/student interviews in November. If there is no internet access, in-person meetings will be offered.

Virtual Open House is being looked at, as well, move it to Thursday, Sept. 17. Families with no internet access will be accommodated.

6. Report from School Council:

Odessa provided highlights from the year:

- Bus loop constructed during the summer with final details to be finished off
- Fencing needs to be completed
- Additional parking signs on Fir St. added during summer. Ongoing problems with parents not parking where they should on Fir St.
- Outdoor area completed with seating and used by classes throughout the year
- Rep. for Transportation Committee for JH School Council, is Sheri Graham
- AYSCBC provides Council with \$2,000. Funding is used for firewood shelter and any excess for firewood for the outdoor learning area
- French Awareness program, parent is concerned and the French awareness in Primary physical education classes is “temporarily” stopped by the Dept. of Ed.
- Ongoing amount of time was spent by Council and Administration to not have it stopped, with Council/Admin. not getting Dept.’s support. A parent survey of French awareness was done. Vast majority of parents are in support to continue program. (French, 28%, Southern Tutchone 2.6%, both French

and

Southern Tutchone 65%, and neither 5%).

- School Council established a Dispute Resolution. If issues arise, steps in order

if not resolved:

- 1. Administration
- 2. School Council
- 3. Superintendent of Schools

- Lorrie Peterson retires as Principal. Ann Larnder is hired to replace for 2020-21

School year.

- March Break extends to April 15 due to COVID. Then physical schooling is

completely suspended and at home learning starts.

- On-going maintenance at the school: New fire alarms, water testing and new watering stations installed
- Adding of extra-curricular activities to school website
- School Council meetings are moved to Zoom meetings from April onwards

7. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM.
Next AGM scheduled: Sept. 1, 2021

Odessa Epp: Chair
Treasurer

Jerry Zahora: Secretary