

Clavet Composite School
SCC Minutes for the Meeting Held
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. via Zoom

Attendance

Brian Matisz, Peter Schmidt, Jackie Bucko, Laura Williams, Jodi Gray, Delee Chilliak, Amanda Chow, Chad Hunt, Donnita Derybshire and Yolanda Heuchert. Tanya Funk was missing. Crystal Dyck joined in on a zoom call for a few minutes.

Minutes From the Last Meeting

Yolanda read the minutes from the last meeting. Jackie made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Jodi seconded and the minutes were approved by all.

Staffing

There was much uncertainty for parents and students and what they were doing this fall regarding coming back to school. We had some students who changed schools, homeschooling is happening, e-learning is happening, some students switched over to our school division for the online learning. 66 students have made different plans than Clavet this year which resulted in 1 full time teaching position needing to change. Ms. Britton who was hired for Grade 7 Lundquist, went to PSSD head office to become part of the e-learning team.

Minor changes have been made with the decision to collapse the grade 7/8 split class, and return all grade 7 and 8 students to be together in their original grades. This resulted in two grade 7 classes with 23 and 22 students in each. There are also two grade 8 classes with 27 and 28 students in each. These new home rooms will start tomorrow, Thursday, September 17th.

Clavet School received extra caretaking staff. The hours that the caretaking staff work have been changed. They are now coming in during the day when more cleanliness and sanitization is required. The extra hours were given to one caretaker, so that the high school end can be sanitized during the day around 11:30 when the kids are on lunch.

Elementary Standards Meet

Peter and some elementary school staff want to hold a Gr. 1 to 6 elementary standards meet to welcome the kids back to school and give them something to be excited about/look forward to. It will be held during their regular gym classes and all students will stay in their cohorts. There will be smaller groups of students and no intermingling. Peter to discuss with the teachers and aim for the end of September to have it organized. The SCC was excited to hear about this great idea for our elementary students.

Staff Appreciation – Smile Cookie Day

Laura had a fantastic idea for staff appreciation. She would like to send a Tim Horton's Smile Cookie to all staff members on Friday. Discussion ensued. Laura made a motion to have SCC organize cookies for 60+ staff. Yolanda seconded it and it was approved.

Brian mentioned we need to follow covid regulations and have them individually wrapped and handed out with an implement. Jackie will graciously help us by organizing the individual wrapping of each cookie and having them delivered on Friday. Thank you Jackie!

Peter had a great suggestion. He said it would be an excellent time to send a brief email or text to a special staff member from parents showing their appreciation. Yolanda to advertise this on Facebook and Remind.

Cougar Masks

Kate Dufour is the teacher to contact regarding masks. 400 have been ordered and arrived. 2 logo styles and 3 sizes to choose from. Payment is now being accepted for previous orders, \$10 each or \$12 for 2 masks. Kate will set up a new distribution plan and payment plan. This is another fantastic fundraiser to help raise funds for our classroom libraries.

Some mask discussion followed, for example how is it going with masks, are people wearing, do parents wear on school property, in the parking lot, etc. Amanda Chow mentioned she would like to see an email sent out to review the regulations when you have to wear a mask and when it was possible to not wear a mask. Peter reminded us of the social distancing rule, if you are 2 meters (6 feet) away from people and outside the school, no need for a mask. He also mentioned how in family cohorts, it is not necessary to wear mask. Parents and bus drivers in the parking lot, therefore do not necessarily need to be wearing one at certain times.

School Photos

With our current covid restrictions, we are not able to have Life Touch come into the school to shoot our school pictures for at least the first 6 weeks of the school year. Instead of waiting for Life Touch, Crystal Dyck, the art teacher, along with her photography students, will be taking photographs and helping the school out. All students in attendance will have their pictures taken. Any students absent on their picture day will be able to have their picture taken when they return.

There will be 3 poses of each student taken – head shot, half body and full body in a sitting position.

We are hoping to provide this service as a fundraiser to support our classroom libraries in light of the lost revenue from our cancelled Fall Supper. An email will be coming out with some examples and costs of photo package options. Thank you Crystal for the super idea and your dedication to our students.

Renovations - \$5 Million from Saskatchewan Government

Clavet School has received a \$5 million dollar grant. Electrical and structural engineers and architects have been to the school to have a look at things. Admin will be working with them and the Facilities Department from PSSD to figure out what will be changing at our school, it is exciting!!

Some renovation ideas included updating the school into 2020 with newer looking classrooms, overhaul the bathrooms, create welcoming areas and spaces, have open spaces, meeting rooms, the office, staff room, gym floor, the change rooms and showers, etc. Peter mentioned that some of the money might have to be spent on HVAC but we want majority to go to the core facilities. The work has to be completed within next 2 years. The work will be tendered out through PSSD as it usually is and awarding of the contract is up to PSSD. The Facilities Department has the final say. We as the SCC, can talk to people and gather information noting what people want to see happen in regards to renovations and new ideas.

The first reno will probably be Mr. Nickel's room, 208, will be made into a gender neutral bathroom, with floor to ceiling stalls for males and females to use. There would be an open sink area which is perfect for supervision of teens.

Parent Engagement

Jackie asked the SCC to think of ideas for virtual engagement this year to connect with parents due to covid. ie. There was no BBQ, there will be no Fall Supper or Halloween Dances, etc.

Some ideas:

- Some parents were having trouble signing onto PowerSchool, we could set up a video or power point on how to do that.
- The SCC could submit a monthly update to the school newsletter about what has been happening.
- Laura brought up a cool way to engage parents during covid times. Her example was related to elementary classroom libraries. She said we could have parents from K to Gr. 6 record or video themselves reading a book, an excerpt from a book or a favorite chapter. We would then show the video clip through an upload to YouTube to the grade and class that we were targeting. The SCC could then go ahead and purchase this book for the target classrooms. We could ask teachers for a list of their most wanted books. The students would still have connection with a parent or community member although it would be virtual. We will be encouraging parents to think of a favorite book they want to share with students. Jackie made a motion to allow the SCC members to spend up to \$500 for books being donated to the elementary classroom libraries. This was seconded by Yolanda. Approved by all.

Yolanda asked if parents or community members can still donate gently used books to the school. We can but they would have to be placed in a plastic bag and left to sit for 72 hours. Yolanda will advertise.

Graduation 2020 - Fruit Orchard Project

This Wednesday, September 22 on National Tree Day, Arbour Crest Tree Services will be planting 43 various trees in recognition of our graduating Class of 2020. This was a dedication project undertaken due to covid disrupting our regular graduation ceremonies and procedures. The trees chosen were fruit trees or compatible scenery trees to make it look beautiful throughout the four seasons. We will be commemorating with a bench and plaque. Each tree may have a dog tag or similar token placed on it for each graduate of 2020.

Counselor's Blog

Jodi would like to have some information shared on the current life situation affecting everyone which is covid and how to deal with the anxiety in our children, etc. She would like some resources posted to some links online. Yolanda mentioned we have a Counselor Blog spot on our website by Tonya Reid-Kennedy, our school counselor.

Jodi was asked to review info on blog and if more information is needed, she is to let Admin know, who will then talk with our counselor for more support.

Piano Lessons

Our school Admin and the SCC realize how amazing piano instruction and lessons can be in helping further a standard education for students. Due to 3rd party liability, PSSD has decided to cancel the use of all PSSD school buildings during the day for extracurricular, including piano lessons. This has affected lessons at Clavet.

We discussed that if parents wanted formal piano lessons back in the building they needed to take their complaint to the division level, as it was not up to individual schools. We discussed how piano lessons are no different than kids going off to hockey or gymnastics during the school day hours, but those extracurricular things

are done at different locations and not the school. Laura mentioned how it is similar to or no different than a parent picking up their child and leaving for a scheduled appointment.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. via zoom.