

Members Present:

Chairperson: Dee Sugden	Members at Large
Secretary: Jen March	Rhonda Manuel
Treasurer: Connie McAdam	Melissa
Principal: Murray McRae	
Trustee: Sheila McDonnell	

Chairperson:

Treasurer’s report:

There is \$143.63 in non-gaming account, and there is \$2310.00 in the gaming account.

Principal’s Report:

Term 1 reports went out at the end of November. Parent teacher interviews were held virtually this year.

There are still 2 staff on leave. Staff that are covering these positions are doing a wonderful job.

There are 177 students enrolled in the school. Enrollment has slowed a bit, and this is likely related to COVID. Some students have had to take a break from school, and we hope to see them return in January.

Many students are doing very well, but there are some that are struggling with additional anxiety due to COVID.

The classrooms and the hallways are decorated with holiday cheer. It feels very warm and cozy.

Growth Plan Goals:

Educational Excellence:

There is a math club up and running and it has been a huge success. Math is one of the most challenging courses for many of our students. The club can accommodate 5 students and takes place for 1 hour in the morning, and 1 hour in the afternoon. There are students who attempt to go to math club, and when it’s full, they get quite upset. This tells us that students are enjoying this and finding the help they need. The club is always full!

English:

In January, we will be starting a poetry reading group for grades 8-12. It will likely run 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon, 3 times a week. This group is meant to aid in student comprehension so that students can learn to infer, identify poetic devices, and practice reading strategies.

Professional Development:

Our counsellor, Kelsea Lochhead, participated in a 2-day workshop on suicide prevention.

Our IDS, Sara O'Malley, has been building dreamcatchers with students in classrooms. We also have framed pictures of the 7 Sacred Teachings that will be displayed in the classrooms.

There will be a job readiness program that will be led by our WEX coordinator, Dawn Stevens. Students will participate in mock interviews, resume building, and assistance with job searches.

Foodsafe training has been postponed due to COVID. This will now take place virtually in January.

There are 2 GV students who are conditionally enrolled in the Trades Sampler program at Vanier in semester 2.

1 student is be enrolled in cook training.

1 student is enrolled in the Coastal Community Forestry program in Campbell River.

There are several students who will participate in the STEP program.

Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing:

Sexual health is taught by Kelsea Lochhead.

We support students with substance abuse issues who want to make changes. Jenne W. from JHS, in for 2 hours on Mondays. She works one-on-one with GV students.

ISPARC Training: Our IDSW is now a certified *Healthy Leader* after completing a 2-day training program. Sara can now conduct indoor and outdoor physical activity with students.

The soup program is up and running again this year. This creates a sense of community and brings staff and students together. We have healthy snacks available to students such as veggies and dip, granola and yogurt, and fruit.

We have put 3 motivational quotes on the hallway walls.

Environmental Stewardship:

We will have an environment club up and running in January.

We continue to use reusable plates and cutlery.

Value Village gives us boxes of free clothes for students.

Cobbs bakery continues to provide us with day-old baked goods. We have filled up 5 boxes for students who live on their own. Staff also filled up a hamper for a family. Many students participated in creating homemade cards for EDAS.

We held a hold and secure drill this month.

Our first grad meeting was held last week. Grad is scheduled for June 24th. We will likely have an outdoor ceremony again. In January we will attach mentors to all grad students.

The other side of the annex is currently undergoing a renovation. There will be new flooring going in over the break. New tables and chairs are on order. The painting is almost complete. The maintenance department has been amazing in making this happen.

We can't do a Christmas dinner this year, so a large order of pizzas has been placed for the last day of school before break.

Adjournment: 7:52pm