

School Council AGM October 21, 2019

In attendance: Sarah Popil, Kathy Crowe, Sheila Doherty, Calvin Anhorn, Crystal Tower, Dawn Newberry, Jim King, Colleen Pilkey, Alana Pinkoski-Benoit, Darcie Maier

Meeting began at 7:02 pm, in VES Learning Commons

Presentation: Alana Pinkoski presented on what VIBE is for and activities they're involved with. At VES, Alana does/delivers classroom programming in classrooms regarding wellness. Programs are Superflex, Inside Out, Grade Six VIBE advisory, among others. Letters are sent home with students explaining the learning. The grade six students are facilitating a Games Zone. Family Game Night trying to plan a few for this year, the first one will be November 21st.

Crystal Tower, presented on her position of the "Department of Inclusive Learning: Supports and Services". Discussed that a large part of her position is helping to decide which students need which services. SEC Coach Sarah Popil and MHP Colleen Pilkey also added to the presentation.

There is a wide variety of support available:

If a teacher or parent has concerns regarding academics or social or mental health or emotional, there is a Pyramid of Intervention (Response to Intervention) that is available to access. The referral process is completed as a joint effort with the Inclusive Learning Support Team (ILST) in the school. The Social and Emotional Coach, Mental Health Practitioner, and ILST programs will be utilizing google forms as the format for referral. This format has been utilized by the MHP program since its' inception in 2017 and has been very helpful in collecting needed data to better understand the needs of our students, families, staff, as well as identifying barriers to accessing services. A short description is as follows. A more in depth explanation is available by request.

Social Emotional Coach Program Overview:

Provide leadership, counselling, and coaching to grow student, family, and teacher capacity in the area. They can provide direct services to staff with observations. Social and emotional learning includes social awareness, self awareness, & self management.

MHP Mental Health Professional provide in-depth, longer term counselling and services, some students have multiple diagnosis that make learning and life more complex. This is not to overlap with resources available in the community (Mental Health Clinic) but for students/families who are unable to access it in the community for a variety of reasons.

ILST Inclusive Learning Support team is a comprehensive support model offered to schools that aligns itself with the philosophy and priorities to meet the educational, social, emotional and physical needs. May include: Registered Psychologist, OT, SLP, PT, These professionals are a combination of private contractors and AHS Rehab professionals.

Board Report:

- Population is down which was already projected, but our population was higher than projected.
- Insurance rates have gone up drastically for ASBE. Central office is exploring other options.
- Irma's new school did not pass inspection yet which ties up grant money. The grand opening will be next month although students are still not in the school.
- At the Board Organizational Meeting, Darcy Eddleston stepped down as Board Chair, Lanie Parr is now the Chair.

Admin Report:

- Showed a video of a 3rd grade Indigenous student singing and drumming in music class. This student and his brother also performed some traditional dancing on Orange Shirt Day.
- Student enrollment is on par with Projection
- Ms. Birch is retiring as of November 18. Advertisement of Employment for this position will close on Monday, October 28th.
- There is a Student teacher doing her practicum in 6B from October to December.
- Lots of clubs going on: cross country running and volleyball are going well.
- Breakfast grant of \$29000 was received, hope to continue with fruit and veggie trays, christmas breakfast along with the daily breakfast.
- Grant approved by Legion \$3000 to provide a seventy-five inch tv/monitor to post announcements near the office, thank you to the Legion.
- In the market for new photocopier and printers.
- We Day is happening for 13 of our grade six students tomorrow, boys & girls this year.

AGM Elections cannot happen tonight due to not having a quorum (enough members to hold an election).

Minutes were moved as accepted by Dawn, seconded by Darcie

Next Meeting: November 18, 2019 will be treated as AGM if possible.