

Kleefeld PAC meeting

Minutes #51

Date: April 13, 2021

Time: 1:00-2:00pm, via Zoom

Present:

President: Andrea Klassen

Secretary: Jenna Fehr

Vice-President Vanessa Rempel

Principal: Joel Bergen

Treasurer: Gloria Funk

Vice Principal: Link Wallace

Guests:

Jayne Penner

Fraser Isaac

Charissa Barnard

Agenda:

- **Financial Report by Gloria**
 - o Bank account balance \$1033.03, \$0.04 interest, \$0.04 member bonus
 - o Cheques bought \$27

School Report: By Joel Bergen and Link Wallace

- **Education Review-** still waiting on more clarification regarding this
 - *2 different bodies of influence in the school*
Should be sorted out by July 2022
 - o *Provincial Advisory council-* comprised of 16 elected representatives reporting to the minister of education, 1 from each division plus one representing the French school division. (37 right now put into 15 different regions plus the French division which is spread throughout Manitoba). People representing each region to help relay information as to how we feel education should be looking in our area, this is what's happening, this is what we like or don't like. (Similar to board of trustees, slightly different role) Still more information to come.
 - o *Each region/division will have a director of education* (kind of like a super intendent) We don't know if they will be appointed or a hired position, who gets a shot at that? Shelly Amos? Colin Campbell? Who would be responsible for the Hanover Region? We don't know who that is yet.
 - o *School Community based parent group/advisory council-* in every school a lot like a PAC
 - Connecting with principal on curriculum, teachers, direction of school, policy, vision, etc

- **How will this affect Kleefeld?**
 - I don't know that it really will, it shouldn't affect teachers in classrooms or students, not a whole lot of change there
 - The role of the principal becomes much bigger, more responsibility
- 10 reasons for action
 - Purpose to improve education in Manitoba
 - Kids lagging behind in Numeracy, but Hanover is higher, slightly above Canadian average
 - Not every division working as well
 - Instead of being more Hanover division focus it will become more provincial directives, changes down the line
- **Meeting on April 29 with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education (Joel & Link)**
 - Timeline, questions and concerns, clarifications
- **New "When Students can attend school" clarification**
 - If sick, isolate 10 days, unless they get a negative covid test, can return 24 hours symptom free
 - If sick, but no covid test, isolate 10 days AND be symptom free for 24 hours
 - Siblings of sick student will also need to stay home and isolate
 - Considerations taken in with pre-existing conditions (ex. allergies, asthma, etc.)
 - Work will be sent home for students that are home because of sickness or isolating due to being identified as close contact to someone with covid
- **REMINDERS**
 - Stay home if sick
 - Social Distance
 - Wear your mask
 - Wash hands regularly and disinfect
- **Kleefeld Schools Covid Case**
 - Found out Friday evening, began contact tracing and phoning families
 - 11 families affected by this, 23 kids including siblings
- **BAND starting back up**
 - Grade 7 & 8 Band has begun again
 - Nobody shares instruments
 - 6 ft spacing
 - Grade 6's have begun an intro to band with the extra instruments
- **Looking at Staffing for next year**
 - Reducing teachers by 2
 - Some shifting, will know more in the next weeks to come

Questions/Comments

- **Substitute teachers**
 - Are they briefed on rules?
 - Teachers leave outlines of classroom routine, rules
 - Grades K-3 and 4-8 have the same rules across Hanover, should be familiar with them

- **Grades 3/4 overflow classroom**
 - Who is teaching? There is an E.A supervising the students, the students come prepared with their work from their teachers and the E.A supervises and helps where needed
 - Only if there are too many kids in the home room class the overflow is needed day by day

- **Parents wanting to voice opinions and concerns, who would they go to when this new Education review?**
 - Student related issues, go to teachers
 - Big picture questions about school- come to the principal or school administration
 - We want that local autonomy
 - We want community relationships, connections

- **What kind of help or questions can we as parents ask to help you to continue what you're already doing?**
 - Not losing that ability within our region to make decisions that directly impact us here
 - Discovery Time, Religious activity, we don't want to lose that stuff,
 - We don't want to lose that voice we have in Hanover

- **How can we communicate that voice?**
 - Surveys, Town hall meetings, Engage MB survey

- **Sensitive Topics, pressure felt provincially to include. How will this change?**
 - Our Division has been a buffer, if that changes, we don't know, in faith-based communities where Hanover could pick and choose what to teach or not to teach, the board at that time had the power to make those decisions, it's becoming more of a challenge to pick and choose how we present different topics to our students, hoping to still have the ability to make some of our own decisions, hoping not to have to compromise our values that we live by

****Next Meeting – May 11, 2021 at 1pm via ZOOM**