

## **A.B. Daley School Council Meeting March 31, 2021**

**Virtual Zoom Meeting**

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**Chair: Tammy Demers (absent) Co-Chair: Danielle Sroka (Acting Chair)**

**Secretary: Leanne Habraken**

**1. Welcome & Attendance:** Jolene Becker, John McKee, Danielle Sroka, Robyn Todd, Jennifer Herman, Leanne Habraken

### **3. Trustee update by John McKee -**

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### **4. Nanton Quality of Life Presentation- Jennifer Herman**

The Nanton Quality of Life Foundation (25yrs in Nanton) is a resource & referral service for the people of Nanton and surrounding areas. Like FCSS services in other towns. They provide these services for people of all ages. Their services are not just for low income concerns and other social supports. They have programs including, Tot time/play groups, family fun events/packs, and youth programming, which includes the home alone & babysitting course. The Nanton Quality of Life participated in A.B Daley's passion projects last year and have done the Child ID clinic during parent-teacher conferences. In Spite of COVID, programs are continuing, often in a virtual platform. However, as the weather improves a Play in the Park event is planned. They is a Drumming Circle that runs every 3rd Thursday of the month. The Babysitting course is running Apr 6 virtually for \$60. A Home Alone class coming later this spring/early summer

Jen works with Lori, a community support worker who is very resourceful at helping people access services. She has been great helping people access Mental Health, Addictions, and Nutrition support. Services for seniors include assistance with navigating websites, government forms and light housekeeping services. Tax preparation help is available for low income individuals and families. Within the building they have a Resource Centre-free to use by non-profit groups,. Groups that currently access it include Foothills Inclusion, wild Rose Community Connections, PHECC, Willow Creek Foundation, MCG Careers-youth training, and Councilor-who are willing to provide cost sharing services.

The Nanton Quality of Life services are a place where confidentiality is maintained for those using their services and facility

They are open Mon-Fri 8:30-4:00.

### **5. Children's Society & Easter Week Activities-**

Contact Tammy for more information

Activity ideas will be posted to the facebook page throughout the Easter Break

## **6. Report from the Principal- Jolene Becker**

Information on classroom Wonder walks, science experiments, outdoor classroom days and outdoor PE.

In the Learning Commons Mrs. Todd helped the students make community connections by making kindness bookmarks that will go to the seniors lodge. She also shared about the Library Hamster who is enjoyed and loved by the kids. Mrs. Wickett's Class made Nanton Grain Elevator Creations. There was a March Madness book tournament for all students. The Rocky Mountain Book Awards Event for grades 3-6 is ongoing with 66 students participating so far. The Student Council has been creating physical literacy videos to be shown in classrooms at snack time. The Safety Patrol scored 100% on the last assessment by AMA which is a huge accomplishment. Music class continues with Mr. Henning. The Gr.6 class Outdoor Education Class is doing a Conservation and Hunters Education Course

### **a. Assurance Framework Survey**

Gr. 4-6 students completed today as well as teachers

Parents mailed a survey code to be completed online or you can mail back the paper copy. Deadline for completion Apr 23 2021

There are additional questions due to the impact of COVID. Try not to use the i don't know option because the way the survey is evaluated an I don't know response is considered a negative response. Please complete this survey. It is a valuable tool used in school planning.

### **b. Update on Combined Classrooms**

Based on the feedback received the school will be proceeding with this model for next year.

Thus far there are about 25 Early Learning students and 11 Kindergarten students enrolled. Early Learning Programs (3 & 4 year olds) pamphlet is on the website. The AM program is full and the PM program is filling.

Classroom placements for next year are being worked on currently. Placement considerations include student ability, staff knowledge of social interactions and dynamics, the male/female ratio, equal class sizes and friendships. Classroom student lists will be revisited each year to maximize student benefit.

There is consideration for community building, teacher collaboration and prevention of repetition in class assignment. A meeting is arranged with JTF Administration about how best to provide for a smooth grade six transition.

There is work being done on mapping of the curriculum rotation. Currently planning that the next year grade 5s will complete the social and science PAT so they are able to write in the same year they study that curriculum.

### **d. Earth Rangers & Jr. Achievement**

The grades 4, 5 & 6 will participate in a virtual Jr. Achievement Day April 15th

The focus is on financial literacy

Grade 4 will do a program called More than Money which discusses the role of businesses, goods, services, and create a basic business plan.

Grade five will learn about Entrepreneurism-our business world, why business is important, innovation, and the role of customer satisfaction

Grade 6 will do a program called A Business of Our Own. They will create business goals, identify skills sets, create a business plans, and discuss promotion

On May 13- Students from Mr. MacDonald and Mrs Reid classes will get to participate in a slim lab. This program is through BASF led by a virtual instructor. This will be followed by The Earth Rangers Program via a virtual school assembly about animal conservation.

## **7. Principal Profile for Upcoming School Year**

As per Jolene's email sent out to all families, she will be leaving A.B. Daley next year for a position with the Foothills School Division. The School Council discussed key attributes that are important for the successful candidate in the hiring process to hold. Notes were taken by Danielle Sorka. Some of the attributes discussed were:

Rural understanding, K-6 teaching experience, understanding of the combined grades model, importance of A.B. Daley's community connection, collaboration with JTF, communication skills, family oriented, open minded, collaborative, compassionate knowledge of early learning programming.

### **Winners of the gift certificate draw were:**

Robyn Todd -won gift certificates to The Hive and Georgie's Cafe  
Leanne-won gift certificate to Purdy's Chocolate

### **Next meeting April 28th 7:00**

#### **Upcoming Topics**

- April 28- Family Springtime Activities Upcoming Important Dates
- April 2 - Good Friday- no school
- April 5-9 - Easter Break- no school
- April 15 - Jr. Achievement Day for students in grades 4-6
- May 13- Earth Rangers Presentation (K-6)