

**Howard Valentine Coffman Cove School**  
**Advisory School Council Meeting Agenda**

*Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

3:45 PM

- A. Call to Order:** Jamie Carver calls meeting to order at 3:52 pm
- B. Approval of Agenda:** Judy Adamson makes a motion to approve the agenda with changes; Hesper Keys seconds; all in favor.
- C. Approval of Minutes** Judy Adamson makes a motion to approve the minutes, Hesper Keys, seconds; all in favor
- D. People to be heard:** Hesper Keys - Hesper has several things to discuss:
- 1) **Bee Grant** - Hesper said that while she worked with Americorps, she had put in for a Bee Grant, in which Coffman Cove was approved, and that supplies should be arriving sometime this month, noting that the grant did not include money for the bees. She has been in touch with a beekeeper in Anchorage, and that he has bees that are specific for the weather in SE AK.
  - 2) **Orchard Spring Cleaning** - She reports that the orchard needs some TLC and would like to do a spring cleaning, perhaps including community. This could also tie in nicely with the bees. Flower boxes need to be fixed, as well as other labor type work. She has looked at a garden grant up to \$3,000, however in order to get it, a local business must sponsor/support the garden, and the community needs to be on board.
  - 3) **Instruments, and Music Club Idea** - Hesper said that she had done an inventory, with help from Buddy Wakefield. They also identified the instruments that need to be tuned, cleaned and properly fitted with items such as guitar/violin strings etc. Not too much is needed to get that done, perhaps some trumpet, trombone oil, and the strings. She has a price list for the items needed.
- E. ASC Officers:**
- **Superintendent Report – Deidre Jenson** - Deidre Jenson announced that she is the interim superintendent for SISD , until the Board meeting on February 15th. The board will begin searching for a superintendent in the immediate future. Until the board decides, she will be available to answer questions, concerns.
  - **Principal Report – Shaine Nixon** - “Life is GREAT!” said Mr Nixon, as he began his report. With Deidre stepping up to interim superintendent, he has been awarded the responsibility of two more schools. He has been working with Amanda (who will speak later) re greenhouse. He reports that the ASVAB test is coming up, in Thorne Bay, and he is taking a student there. MAPS testing is done. He goes on to say that the Battle of the Books began today, between the older classes. He is also working on shoring up plans with Melissa for the Senior Trip.
  - **President Report – Jamie Carver** - Looking around the room, and seeing a decent crowd, she is grateful for everyone attending the meeting. She wants to remind everyone about the Winter Dinner event, and will have more further in the meeting.
  - **Vice President Report – Sarah Bateman** - No report
  - **Treasurer Report – Judy Adamson** - Judy reports that the ASC has \$22,000.89 in the account, with \$12, 433.23 in line items.
  - **Secretary Report – Yvonne Drozdowicz-Somfleth** - No report

- **Student Representative Report: Charlie King** - Charlie states that the “Lock Down” event held at the school last month went well. Thinks that everyone had fun...

#### **F. Items for Advisory School Council Meeting Consideration:**

- **New Business**

- 1. School Make-up Day** – A motion was made by Janie Wainscott for Friday, February 10, be the make up day, Yvonne seconds; Motion passes
- 2. Title 1 Federal Funding** - Shaine Nixon, principal, discusses this federal funding, for smaller and less privileged school districts that qualify. He says that remote sites should qualify, however, Whale Pass did not qualify, as their scores were quite high. He asks Deidre Jenson what campus has funds, and that answer is still in question. Then Deidre explains that this funding is used for anything that benefits education. It is a broad funding “surplant” - cannot use funds to pay for a general ed teacher, but can be used for aids, and even afterschool program. It must be used “in addition to...” This is also for helping kids with more adults to be there for them. Intervention stuff for reading, math etc, or an afternoon school tutoring program. To access the funding, the government is required to ask how the funding will be used. ASC is encouraged to bring any input, ideas, brainstorming etc to discuss at the next meeting, for funds next year. The community is to be informed of this meeting, before March 8. A sign up sheet for ideas should be passed around, so those ideas can be looked at.
- 3. Greenhouse** - Amanda, the director of the district greenhouses is present to give a report regarding the greenhouse. She reports that there have been a series of unfortunate events, that have put us in a holding pattern for the moment. Our fish (aquaponics) died off, pipes froze etc. Instead of grasping at straws, and guessing about how to proceed, it is best to wait to see what the decision will be re new superintendent, and who it will be, Amanda feels that it is wise to see what the district will want to do with this. Until a more permanent superintendent will be put in place, there will be no real direction decided. However there will be some activity like fixing what is broken. Branzon has ordered materials. There needs to be a small limited amount of fish to at least get started. Basically at this time its baby steps until permanent leadership is in place. Deidre explains that it's time to put together a strategic plan, a sustainable long-term plan, for the future.  
Jainie Wainscott spoke to the idea of “Community Co-op” She says that she had contacted many community members that support that idea. Robert Rowland agreed that would be a good thing to do, and he supports it. Cody Carver spoke about how the greenhouse should not be empty, and seedlings and starts should be going. However, she points out that the aphid issue has got to be under control. She also stated that aquaponics takes alot to get started.  
After Shaine asks Charlie what he thinks, Charlie stated that in the past the kids had pretty much lost interest and now that is turned around and kids have enjoyed being a part of the greenhouse - fish care, etc. When the fish died, he felt the kids were pretty upset.

During the discussion, it was brought up that the greenhouse has the capacity of 400 heads of lettuce, that can be sold to stores, lodges and to the public.

Sarah Bateman shared that we should not scrap the aquaponics, but to do a “duo” using dirt and fish.

Janie thinks that the little greenhouse should be used, and that the big one is not sustainable with too much empty space.

Joelle Wetton encouraged some immediate action to begin now, such as getting veggie starts. She is one of the original people that made the greenhouse and orchard happen. Tells Amanda that she would love to help her get things going, and that she has a lot of seeds to use. Will meet with Amanda soon.

Before moving to the next topic, Deidre reminds everyone that they need to write down ideas for the greenhouse for the next meeting.

4. **Bee Grant** - Shaine states that he has been in touch with Andy - and will be available for this. He also reminds us that the bees need to be able to pollinate in the greenhouse. Melissa adds that a shady side of the greenhouse would be a good spot for the hives, maybe half outside the structure and half inside. Hesper reminds of the grant, and having the community involved. The community also must be notified of the bee hives due to allergy issues i.e. epi pens, and how to use them.
5. **Spring cleaning in outdoor areas:** Fruit trees, build new boxes and planting. Shaine is excited to do this with EVERYONE. Boxes in front of the school should have things growing, get kids and families involved, bbq at the fire pit, have fun and get work done!

- **Old Business**

1. **Weight Room** - Shaine has spent time and energy trying to get the weight room back. He has gotten a state OK for this to happen. He wants to allocate some funds to do this, either fix up the storage area or close in one of the carports in the back parking lot. If it were to be inside the school, there would be restrictions that would be enforced. If the decision to put it outside, there would be some money spent. Janie also reports that there is a strong community want for a weight room. People would definitely support this.
2. **Update on instrument** - Craig band teacher is willing to help clean up instruments
3. **Winter Dinner – Last minute details** Jamie Carver reminds everyone that the winter dinner fundraiser is this weekend, on Saturday. She is buying all the toppings and potatoes for the baked potato bar. Set up time is to be at 6pm Friday night. Encourages folks to bring baked goods for the auction.
4. **Doorbell for school** - In response to the locked door issue, a doorbell with monitors for every class will be installed.
5. **3 D Targets** - Shaine announced that he is “man enough to admit mistakes” and discusses that the order was messed up. He forgot to submit the order but will make sure its done. The targets will be shipped under Thorne Bay and will be reimbursed by Coffman.
6. **Sport uniforms** - Not too much to report. Some feel it unnecessary to change the logo of the mascot.

**G. Date of next scheduled regular ASC meeting:** March 6, 2023 at 3:45 pm

**H. Attendance:** Jamie Carver, Yvonne Drozdowicz-Somfleth, Judy Adamson, Hesper Keys, Shaine Nixon, Deidre Jenson, Melissa Dougherty, Janie Wainscott, Charlie King, Buddy Wakefield, Robert Rowland, Joelle Wetton, Sarah Bateman, Chrissy Carter, Cody Carver, Amanda (via zoom), Jan Inman, Gwyn Wainscott, and Anggi and Jason Wakefield

**I. Public Comment:** None

**J. Board Comment:** None

**K. Adjournment:** Yvonne makes a motion to adjourn, Judy seconds. Meeting adjourned 5:25pm