

## SAC- 2025-09-16 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Cheyanne Gorman-Tolliver, Katie Mott, Claire Swinamer, Becky Thakkar, Nakeah Young, Brenda McNutt, Anita Richards, Brittany Chipango, Jim Pomeroy, Creighton Barrett, Didar Dogan, Bree Mackin, Jamesie Coolican

Regrets: Janessa Williams, Bernadette Johnson

### Cheyenne: current building update

- Opened up with a new play structure from HRM. HRM owned, removed pea gravel and replaced with soft material
- 17 classes- 10 french 7 english. Every room is at or above hard cap. Came up with a proposed reconfiguration, requested a FI teacher and an english teacher. Doesn't look like that will happen.
- Supervisor will gather number of teachers needed, takes that to department. Problem is budget has been set. Up to department to allow funding or not, and if so, where.
- Shift happening if teachers aren't allotted. Students will be shifted up, and some straight classes will turn into splits and some split will change
- Lots of complex needs that need to be considered in terms of EPAs etc
- September 30th is the deadline. The department won't consider any requests after that
- Teachers have to agree to teach over cap or not. Has to be in writing. Cheyanne then takes it to SAC. Not there yet but may happen if requests aren't approved
- Push really needs to be put on primary registrations next year because it strongly affects these things. Registration now also important if people are not registered yet
- Question: what happens if teachers don't agree to teach over cap. Union question and will be up to teacher to go to union rep etc.
- If we got 2 new classrooms, we have the room. Prep relief room and excel room
- 395 students currently. Capacity at new school 417. SAC letter? Letter was written at the beginning, 5+ years ago but nothing was approved. Building is built so hard to do anything now. Daycare needs space and can't be used because of a deal that was signed long ago.
- **New Building Update:** HRCE requesting info and updates from public works. No move in date set. When it is ready we will move in no matter when it is
- Admin site visit- Oct 7th

### Cheyenne: Bussing

- Timing is not ideal. Pushed for a second accessible bus, more students need the bus than originally planned. This has been approved
- 1317: consistently late. That bus does a run before SJAM, making it late every day. Transportation has reached out to provider, lack of drivers is the problem

- Monitors on all buses, last year within 21 days of school, 92 bus incident reports. Only less than 10, all minor, so far this year.

Other:

- Sit down with school staff to show parents what school looks like. October 15th “family night”. Topics will be picked to discuss, point is to talk to families about school and familiarize them with the code of conduct, and how to access school staff, reasons admin calls home, calling supports, etc

Cheyenne: Financial requests

- September to June school year, finance runs fiscal year of April 1st to March 31st
- Remaining balance does not include new funding but is carried over, \$6000 remaining
- Cheyanne presenting idea of spending money, see number deplete because it means resources to students
- Math tools: request of \$151.32 to replenish math tools in classrooms
- Magnetic letters for UFLI- approx \$70.
  
- **Jenna Barnes (Guidance):** on well-being lead team. Looking at sharing school success plan with SAC to better understand. Every day speech: request for money. Useful for Tier 1 practice, whole class support. Evidence based Social emotional learning platform. Huge platform with lessons etc to use with classes.
- Program is \$687 CAD for the year
- Total request from SAC \$907.28
  - Action: Approved

Other:

- Need to recruit more community members
- New members: Becky Thakkar, Bree Mackin & Jenna Barnes
- Next mtg- move next meeting to October 14th

Mtg adjourned at 7:01  
Next meeting October 14th