

School Council Meeting: Monday April 26th, 2021

Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Sherri Gonta

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Leslie Brophy, Teri Thompson, Kelly Ciceran, Marina Cosby, Judy White, Malcolm Matthews, Crystal Fehlow, Kevin Kortekaas, Melissa Shaw,

1. **Attendance:** Names placed in the chat function
2. **Student Council Update-** Santiago Rivera
 - We decided to postpone the coffee house because there wasn't enough participation, therefore we will be doing it in May.
 - We are finalizing the days for spirit week that will also be happening in May
 - Our group has paired up with “periodPromise” which is a non profit organization that helps women in need with feminine products ect
 - Overall student council has been a little bit disconnected because there is low motivation and we're all trying to navigate through online once again but the last 2 months of school are hopefully fun and memorable!
3. **School updates:**
 - Midterm reports sent home electronically on Friday April 23rd to student emails
 - In-school student success team working with data to follow up with some action plans to support students not meeting with success - this continues virtually
 - Final Activities: No exams this semester: will run culminating activities similar to semester 1
 - Schedule: waiting on direction from Ministry regarding learning at home versus in-person learning. Can assume that the schedule will continue in a rotation periods 1,2,3,4 as it has been for last 2 weeks
 - Student course selections have been completed - staffing and scheduling underway for the next 1.5 months. Any student timetable conflict resolutions will occur late June when things are finalized
4. **Literacy** (practice tests and online test)
 - Grade 10 practice test (Monday March 29th) - all cohorts including online - completed
 - Grade 10 test write #1 in-person learners (Tuesday March 30th) - completed
 - Grade 10 test write #2 in-person learners (Thursday April 1st) - completed

- Continued planning for the grade 11's and cohort "O" students is TBD depending on Ministry Direction about in-person learning

5. De-streamed Courses -

- All grade 9 courses in 2021-2022 will be destreamed - teacher teams being developed and PD for teachers available in the next few months

6. Graduation

- Curbside pick-up for grad packages (late June) - waiting on direction from Central (there are Public Health limitations on the number of people that can attend)
- All grads will receive cap, gown and small gift with their diploma
- Grad video being developed - central message and school specific info included
- Grad photos - all grads have been sent the information to book these appointments off-site
- Awards committee starting (look at profiles students have completed when making decisions)

7. Photos - yearbook

- We are working on composing a yearbook in-house this year. Students are going to be encouraged to submit Yearbook entries through the link on the GSS webpage - this is a Google Form which will require students to upload 1 photo at a time, identify individuals in the photo, and a description of what is happening. This link is "[Yearbook Photo Submission](#)" (students need to use their DSBN email address)
- Additional communication going out through all teacher's virtual classroom announcements and through Schoolmessenger/Aspen (school computer system)

Niagara Public Health School Newsletter:

For Parents

COVID-19 Update:

- Coping with the impacts of COVID-19 in our community has been very tough on everyone and we understand that 'COVID-fatigue' may have set in. This term refers to people getting tired of following the rules set in place to help reduce the spread of the virus.
- Although Niagara is well underway with COVID-19 vaccinations, we do not want to let our guard down. We remind everyone to please still follow the [safety measures to help protect you, your family, friends and our community](#).
- Check out these videos from Niagara Region Public Health's Dr. Hirji addressing the vaccines:

[Vaccine Safety, AstraZeneca](#) and [Which Vaccine Should I Get.](#)

For more information, visit niagararegion.ca/health/covid-19

May is Vision Health Month:

A yearly eye exam is **FREE** – the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers the cost of an eye exam every 12 months for children up to the age of 19 with a valid OHIP card. [Find an eye doctor near you.](#)

Also contact an eye doctor if you see **ANY** of these signs:

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| · Squinting or holding objects close to the eyes | · One eye that turns out or in |
| · Blinking often | · Rubbing, tearing, itchy or burning eyes |
| · Turning or tilting the head to the side often | · Reporting blurry or double vision |
| · Covering or closing one eye | · Reporting headaches, nausea or eye strain |

For more information, please visit <https://www.niagararegion.ca/health/schools/vision-screening.aspx>.

Questions:

- COVID - vaccinations for students grades 12+? Any plans on this??
- literacy supports for students that don't pass the literacy test?
- literacy requirements for grade 12's next year?
- Literacy Results - when do we find these out? Send home with final reports?

Next Meeting:

Monday May 31st, 6:30 pm