

School Council Meeting: Monday September 20, 2021

Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Marina Cosby

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Teri Thompson, Kerri Rogers, Marina Cosby, Neil Wilkinson, Kira McLaren

1. **Student Council Update**- School council meetings have started and they had students join (with recommendations) at the end of last year. Will invite representatives to join our meetings to give a short update on what is happening in future meetings.

Taylyn Bazylewski student council rep

- Would like to have a Spirit week next week. Days include, PJ/comfy cozy day, Jersey day, Spirit Wear day, Flannel Day and Colour day (each grade is assigned a colour to wear). We are going to send Period 1 teachers a form to fill out each day...to count participants and their grades. We were thinking that the winning grade (most participating) gets to be dismissed first all of the next week? Thursday will be Orange Shirt day ...
- Other ideas: WE have a group talking about a potential grade 9 day/activity...we will present the admin with ideas soon. We were thinking of doing it fairly soon...end of next week or week before Thanksgiving.
- google form created for the council to fill in with their activity proposals. Ideas can be shared to check for COVID restrictions, etc

2. School updates:

- Daily Schedule:

Periods 1 and 3	8:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.
Announcements	10:40 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
Lunch	10:50 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Periods 2 and 4	11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Announcements & Dismissal	2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

- Issues with timetables - computer system did not take the “build” in June and after summer school there were many schedules to adjust. Most seem to be done now
- COVID protocols: break schedule, signage, entrances, staggered dismissals, supervisions, designated lunch areas, etc

- Covid self-assessment - students and teachers
- Limited visitors right now - some approved (like nurse, CASON, MHAN, etc) and limit on parent meetings unless required as part of transition/support planning
- Washroom, office, library spaces (limited and stickers on floor for wait-time)
- Vandalism issues - outside and in the schools (particularly the washrooms)
- Classroom Equipment - cleaning protocols and sharing spaces
- **Verification forms coming home this week** - need to be signed and returned to homeroom teachers
- Prevalent medical forms - secretary reaching out to families as a reminder that we need these forms completed and housed in the office
- Chromebook return - those devices borrowed from last year need to be returned for student use during school hours

3. Literacy

- Students that wrote in the Spring will be notified of the outcome (either through a letter with their verification forms, or a phone call from the student success team)
- 2 opportunities to write OSSLT this school year - in the fall (window of October -December) and then Spring 2022 (March - May)
- Current grade 10 students will complete prep and test through English classes
- Students currently in grade 12 are exempt from OSSLT and need only 20 community involvement hours instead of 40

4. Extra-curriculars

- Guidelines in place
- Most outdoors with physical distancing
- Attendance lists provided/shared with administration for contact tracing if required

5. Social Media

- Trying to increase our social media presence (instagram, twitter, facebook) - teachers will take pictures (ensuring to check freedom of information for students) and write a short caption and load onto a platform that we share as a staff - staff members in charge of the different media platforms will post
- New website - changing the layout and making information available and easy to find

6. Teacher PD and Learning

- Focus on Assessment and Evaluation - with specific areas of student need in each department
- Spec ed overall focus including student voice (student success supports this as well)

- GSS staff site - increased communication and supports in place for students (referral forms, IEPs, student learning profiles, etc)

Questions:

- Paid hours to add to the volunteer hours - does this still go through hour republic? What do students have to provide? Reflection?
- Answer → they still record these hours into Hour Republic & they will need some proof of the work (paystub, letter from the employer, etc)

Next Meeting:

- **Monday October 18th, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.**