

School Council Meeting: Monday May 31st 2021

Microsoft Teams: 6:30 p.m.

Principal: Teri Thompson

In attendance: Santiago Rivera, Teri Thompson, Crystal Fehlow, Dr. Matthews, Marina Cosby, Melissa Shaw

1. Student Council Update (Santiago):

- \$650 was raised at the school for “Period Promise” (we have signed the “period promise” policy making us champions) - organization affiliated with United Way to help with Period Poverty (women in the community) for the Month of May -this initiative has had a positive impact on the community through poverty reduction and gender equity for all - biggest fund-raiser in last 2 months
- Finished grade wars - not a great turn out but was fun and had a draw with prizes
- One last grade event being planned
- Nominations for student council out now (google classroom sign-up) - new grade 9’s can sign-up in September when we start school

2. School updates:

- Final Activities: No exams this semester: will run culminating activities similar to semester 1 - show calendar for a breakdown of tasks and reporting timelines



June 7th	June 8th	June 9th	June 10th	June 11th
● Period 3	● Period 4	● Period 1	● Period 2 ● Culminating Activities	● Period 3 ● Culminating Activities
June 14th	June 15th	June 16th	June 17th	June 18th
● Period 4 ● Culminating Activities	● Period 1 ● Culminating Activities	● Period 2 ● Culminating Activities	● Period 3 ● Culminating Activities	● Period 4 ● Culminating Activities
June 21st	June 22nd	June 23rd	June 24th	June 25th
● Period 1 ● Culminating Activities (Gr. 9-11) ● Marks/Comments/	● (Original Exam Day) ● Period 2 Gr. 9-11 Culminating Activities and Credit Rescue	● (Original Exam Day) ● Period 3 Gr. 9-11 Culminating Activities and Credit Rescue	● (Original Exam Day) ● Period 4 Gr. 9-11 Culminating Activities and Credit Rescue	● (Original Exam Day) ● Period 1 Gr. 9-11 Culminating Activities ● Credit Rescue

- 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 since the stay at home order (after the April break)
- Question - what is credit rescue? Time where teachers work with students to complete credits that need more learning to be demonstrated in order for credit to be granted. Sometimes this happens after final tasks are due to be completed...teachers work with in-school team under these circumstances to set goals and targets for student success

- Request from School Council - please have teachers continue to contact students and parents about any outstanding work- teachers sent reminder about this from administration on June 1, 2021
- Staffing continues to be underway - schedule almost completed - conflicts will be looked at now and then again late August after summer school credits have been updated

3. 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 - transition meetings have focused on strengths-based profiles so our teachers can get to know students before they come into building

4. Graduation

- Curbside pick-up for grad packages (Thursday June 24th)- 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 (can expand on this now) ✓
- Grad photos - all grads have been sent the information to book these appointments off-site - grad photos for video
- Awards committee ✓

5. Photos - yearbook

- 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) ✓

6. Spirit wear - how can families order this? Now and in the new school year? Is it possible to order right from the company?

Answer: Brand Blvd is who we are dealing with right now - contact is Cory Pattison

(Cory@brandblvd.ca). We are looking at having a "spirit wear shop" set up where students and staff can order/purchase a number of different GSS items. More to come on this...

7. Thank you to staff - communicated parent/guardian appreciation of the hard work of GSS staff (June 1, 2021)

Next Meeting:

Monday 6:30 September 13th 2021