

School Council Minutes - Virtual Meet Teams

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Attendance

James Willms
Hollie Beales
Brenda Armstrong
Kerilynn Bath
Heidi Munn
Lindsay Fougere
Mallorie Dommasch
Miranda Beam
Lauren Smith
Liz Sider

Meeting Agenda

- * **Approval of Agenda** (Hollie, Lindsay)
- * **Approval of Minutes** (Liz, Mallorie)
- * **Discussion/Business arising from minutes** – N/A
- * **Principal's Report**
 - Staffing update: There is currently an LTO in for Mrs. Vanderwerf
 - Health & Safety: First case of COVID19. There have not been any other cases at this point. Students in Ms. Kelly & Mrs. Sensabaugh's class have been using D2L. (Feedback: Students have enjoyed the activities posted.
 - Building Update: Some building maintenance brickwork is being redone at back of school and one section on pavement area.
 - Attendance- Use School Messenger to report absence. If parents know ahead of time, please give notice.
 - Highlight- having kids engaged in sports (e.g., flag football, soccer, skipping, basketball and using tennis balls)
 - Returning to in person learning: Some families moving to virtual learning and some families will be returning but overall numbers have remained fairly steady.
 - *****Calendar Tab*****(on school website) is updated with upcoming events

* **Chair -Mail (Holley)**

* Nov 18 – Virtual Parent Involvement Council Conference for school council chairs
(6:30-7:30)

<https://www.dsbn.org/pic/picconference.html>

* No Santa Claus parade this year (no float)

* **Around the table:**

- **Is there a plan for students eating lunch? (10 min on, 10 min off)** Staff will revisit this and come up with a solution for students in junior grades. There will also be procedures for students to use lockers for winter gear.
- **Are there tables that fold down in the gym?** Yes, but the gym is being used for storage and staff lunchroom. Public health wants to limit crossover between different groups so the gym is not an option.
- **Are there any clubs running this year other than student council?** No, because we can't have students gathering outside their class groups.
- **Is it normal to have so many supply teachers?** James tried to fill internally because there weren't any supply teachers available. The board has been overwhelmed because of the number of teachers doing virtual learning but they have now hired more supply teachers.
- **Was it okay to send siblings of the class exposed to a positive case back to school?** Yes. Public Health determines which students need to stay home and, in this case, siblings were able to go to school. Public Health deals with this on a case by case basis.
- **Is there a need to do fundraising?** Not at this point. Needs have changed due to how things are being used. Fundraising presents challenges (e.g. how to store/distribute poinsettias). Some money has been spent on sport equipment. There will be some junior classes going to the outdoor campus in December (no volunteers).
- **Is there a way to offer breakfast club items to students who need it?** Niagara Nutrition partners will provide the funding. James will revisit the guidelines to figure out if we can offer prepackaged snacks in a bin.

Upcoming:

Oct 30- Wear your costume to school (please don't send snacks to share)

Nov 11- Remembrance Day – No Assembly. (Mrs. G & Mr. Roach working on a slideshow)

Nov 13- Wear Blue for World Diabetes Day

Nov 18- P.A. Day (no classes for students) & Virtual PIC conference (6:30-7:30pm)

Nov 19- Progress Reports Sent Home

Nov 24- Progress Report Virtual Interviews (A link will sent out to sign up for interviews)

Next Meeting: TBD