

PAC Meeting

21 SEPTEMBER 2021 / 9:30 AM / ZOOM

Attendees

AJ Neufeld, Charmaine Toews, Anita Terrick, Jerrah-Lee Broesky, Roxanne Archer, Mandy Buhler

Principal's Report

School Update

- 276 students registered
 - 4 homerooms in grades 5/6
 - 3 homerooms in grades 7/8
- 21.5 teaching staff
- 7.5 EAs
- 1 Library staff
- 2 office staff

Social Emotional Learning

- Once per cycle for students grade 5-8.
- Ground level support and learning.
- Providing consistent ground level support for all of our kids. This frees up our counsellor for more targeted support to students.

Student Voice

- Once per cycle for students grade 5-8.
- Mr. Neufeld does 7/8, Mrs. Kwiatkowski does 5/6.
- The commitment to all classes is that all feedback given in a constructive, positive manner will be brought to the teaching team at monthly staff meetings for discussion and consideration.

COVID Updates

Protocols in place:

- Grade 5/6 classes remain cohorted
 - Grade 5s one cohort, grade 6s one cohort
 - This allows for recess breaks together to see friends outside their homeroom
- Grade 5/6 teachers move from class to class to reduce movement
 - Students continue to move to Music, Library and Phys Ed
- Grade 7/8 classes are not cohorted
 - Grade 7/8 students travel more freely throughout the building
 - The goal is to provide as normal of a school experience as possible
- Masks are currently required where 2 metres of distance is not possible.
 - Our classrooms cannot accommodate 2 meters distance with current numbers

- Masks are not required in Phys Ed, Music and outside
- Staff actively plan for mask break opportunities

Building Addition

- 4 classrooms, 2 washrooms, a teacher work area
- The build is in response to the growth seen at MES
- Time frame - shovels in the ground in January
- The addition will be on the south end of the school, near staff parking lot

Responsible Use of Technology Agreement

- New agreement was drafted last year and is in effect for the 2021-22 school year
- Grade 5/6 students can bring personal devices in needed, but must be away during the day
- Grades 7/8 students can bring personal devices and with permission from their teacher can use for specific learning tasks.

PAC Questions (during Principal's Report)

PAC Question: Are students allowed to have devices in the washroom, outside at recess or inside at lunch?

- No. Our expectation is that students do not bring out their device for any reason unless a teacher is present and has directed that it is for a learning activity.

PAC Question: Are students changing for Phys Ed?

- No. Change rooms remain closed. The intent is to avoid closed spaces with less ventilation.
- For athletic practices the change rooms will be open as there are less students occupying the space.

PAC Question: During the social emotional learning class is there an opportunity for kids to privately ask for support? Not all students will feel comfortable voicing their questions or needs.

- Yes, 1:1 support is still available. The Student Care Team actively discusses and pursues students who require more than general class support.

Change in PAC Chair

- Mandy Buhler will step down.
- Charmaine Toews indicated interest to resume the position.
- No other parties indicated interest.

Fundraiser

- Continue with cash fundraising.
- Ideas?
 - Books
 - Places to sit outside
 - Round seating so kids can visit and face each other
- Make another letter to send out to family.
 - Roxanne will write this letter.

- Charmaine will look into seating options with local suppliers
- Spend most of the money on seating and if there is leftover money buy books.
- Campaign period runs mid-October to mid-November.
 - Tuesday, October 12 - Wednesday, November 10
- AJ will check with HSD regarding charitable amount minimum
- AJ will meet with PAT to determine student incentives.
 - Avoid incentives that involve embarrassing someone
- AJ will check with HSD regarding a Parent Portal donation designated for PAC.
 - Could parents do a money drop and fill out a form after?
 - Look into adding a checkbox on Parent Portal.

Next Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 9:30 AM

- AJ will advise PAC if this meeting will be in-person or via Zoom