

PAC Meeting

2 MARCH 2022/ 9:30 AM / MMS

1. Welcome, attendance
 - a. Present: Charmaine Toews, Lindsay Lepp, Anita Terrick, Jerrah-Lee Broesky, AJ Neufeld
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a. Approved
3. Adoption of agenda - questions/amendments
 - a. No amendments
4. Principal's report - AJ
 - a. COVID-19 Restrictions
 - i. Feb 15 - the government announced that proof of vaccination and testing requirements would be dropped for students playing sports.
 - ii. Mar 1 - vaccination and testing requirements for public places lifted
 - iii. The government is on record for saying masks and all other restrictions will be lifted on March 15. This has not officially been confirmed or communicated from Manitoba Education. Our school plans are preparing for this direction:
 1. We preparing for a Drama production in May.
 2. We are preparing for full re-opening of the canteen, including hot lunches.
 3. Discussions about end-of-year activity days.
 4. The staff have been encouraged to seek out learning trips after spring break.
 - a. **PAC Question:** Will there be something in-lieu of Cedarwood?
 - i. AJ and a staff are looking into this possibility of something we can do in early June.
 - ii. The challenge will be booking and availability.
5. We are preparing for changes to our day-to-day systems at school:
 - a. Which entrances to use

- b. Current playground model (4 quads) vs what we'll move to
- c. Will continue a staggered lunch, with 2 full grades rather than with half classes.
 - i. The current staff suggestion is to do a 5/6, 7/8 split
- d. Washrooms
 - i. Currently use hockey sticks to monitor student traffic
 - ii. We like managing the flow of kids and would like to continue this way, with an increase of how many kids can be in the washroom.
- e. Dismissal
 - i. Current model: walkers are dismissed at 3:30 (gr 5,7) and 3:35 (gr 6, 8). Bus students are dismissed as busses arrive. Kids wait in the classroom for their busses.
 - ii. We'd like to re-purpose the "dead time" from 3:30 - 3:40 for more meaningful interaction/extend student learning.
- f. Plans will be communicated to families. Most changes will be implemented after spring break.
- g. There will be a transition period to be mindful of personal choices. Some students and staff will continue to wear masks. Some will not. We will be mindful of maintaining community regardless of how people choose to approach the recommendations.

b. Staffing

- i. We have a new teacher on staff. Jessica Klassen is our itinerant teacher. We share her with Mitchell Elementary and Kleefeld.
 1. The intention is that she can act as a sub in the event we cannot find a substitute teacher.
 2. When she is not subbing she is working on numeracy support with grades 6 and 8 students.
- ii. We don't know what funding looks like for staffing numbers next year. COVID-19 will not play a role in our funding. Some of our wonderings:
 1. Are we going to be funded for our current population?

- a. Currently at 264 students.
- b. We anticipate seeing a number of students returning to school once restrictions are lifted.

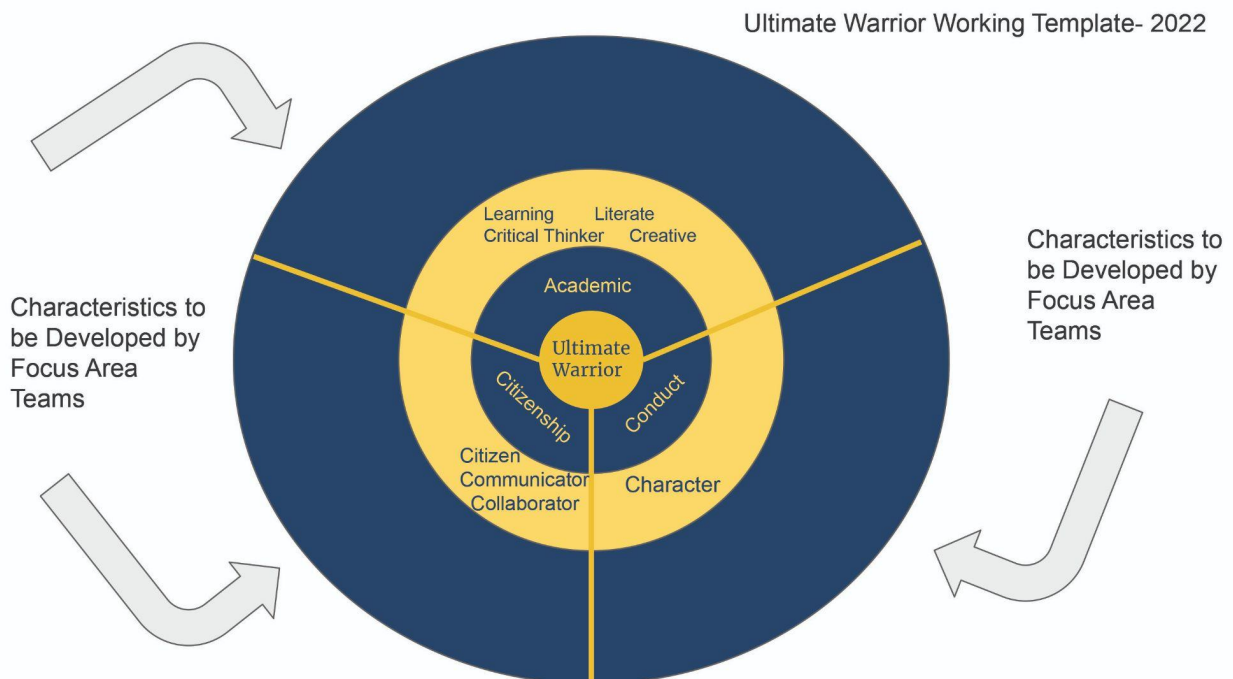
2. Or, are we going to be funded based on pre-COVID numbers?

c. Assessments

- i. Challenge to have meaningful learning this term due to 9 snow/cold days, 5 days of remote learning, and a couple of PD/Admin days
- ii. Stress for teachers coming up on term 2 report cards - majority of them don't feel confident they have had enough in class time for meeting learning goals
- iii. Marks are anticipated to be a bit lower this term. AJ will write a letter to parents to explain why that is.

d. The Ultimate Warrior

- i. Current model is a sort of pyramid: Be Ready to Learn, Be Ready to Help, Be Ready to Participate, Be Ready to Serve
- ii. Staff are working on a new Ultimate Warrior model for the school. This is still a work in progress, but will have more specific examples for staff and students to better understand the goals. (Graphic shows working template).



5. Treasurer's update - Lindsay
 - a. No changes.
6. Fundraiser
 - a. Plan to run from April 4-30. Launch with a letter to parents on April 4 and keep awareness going with social media posts, newsletter reminders, etc.
 - b. AJ will make sure that everything is in place for online donations through Parent Portal.
7. New business
 - a. Awards Day
 - i. Second last day of school
 - ii. This year it is scheduled for June 28.
 - iii. We will return to this agenda item next PAC meeting.
8. Suggestions/Concerns
 - a. 2022-23 - more voices on PAC
 - b. PAC question:** Were we able to pull together a basketball team?
 - i. Unfortunately, no. We are prepping for badminton, and are looking forward to a full season.
 - c. PAC question:** When will the MMS position be made permanent?
 - i. In the event Mr. Mead does not return this position would be posted for permanent.
 - ii. This will possibly be determined by spring break
9. Closing - schedule next meeting
 - a. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 3, 9:30am