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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
ZOOM Meeting

MINUTES

- 7:00 Call to order, welcome - Ms. Anita Chui
- Introductions to the Administration team and their respective areas of responsibility:
 - Principal Vey-Chilton - Grade 12
 - Vice-Principal David Watts - Ideal Mini-School, Grade 11
 - Vice-Principal Hilary Watt - Grades 9 and 10
 - Vice-Principal Denise Clark - Grade 8 and Health and Safety
 - Introductions to Anita Chui (PAC Chair), Chris Qiu (Vice-Chair -unavailable), Gurmit Sangha (Treasurer), Jenie Chan (Secretary), & May Ke (DPAC Rep)
- 7:05 Student Report - Mr. Nicholas Lum, President SWC Student Council
- To connect students and help the school community through Covid-19, Student Council has developed a website with student activities.
 - Updates -
 - Election period has started, campaigning is online. Voting online Oct 9 for Grade reps. Executive team has already been elected.
 - Clubs Day - Clubs database will be published on www.swcstuco.org on Clubs Day Oct 14 online. Students can search for clubs through categories. Each club will have a Description, optional Video and contact information. Encourage Grade 8 students to join a club and meet new friends.
- 7:10 Staff Report - Mr. Victor Lam (French Immersion) & Mr. Connor Levesque (Science and Math), Faculty Reps
- Transfer learning lessons online. There is no perfect solution or one size fits all.
 - Parents, please keep your children focussed, and to prioritize to keep up with the coursework. Need to stay up to date due to the condensed quarter semester system and to re-establish a routine.
 - In-class learning is not Optional anymore.
 - Everything students do count to the teachers, however some activities do not count for marks.
 - Flex time - encourage students to find teachers and ask questions, especially Grade 8 students.
 - Parents can make appointments with teachers, virtually through Teams
 - New club - Student Voice to get feedback from students and allow them to be involved with the decision-making process. Instagram page and more details later and at the next meeting.

- 7:15 Poll 1 - What grade are your children? Majority is Grade 8.
Poll 2 - Are your children experiencing more homework under the quadmester system?
69% No, 31% Yes
Poll 3 - Would you like a MS Teams tutorial for parents? 52% Yes, 48% No

7:20 Principal's Update (Ms. Annette Vey-Chilton)

- Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2020 - impact of residential schools
- Racism and discrimination will not be tolerated. Code of Conduct.
- More discussion re: anti-racism.
- Priorities:
 1. Health and Safety: Protocols implemented from PHO, Vancouver Coastal Health and VSB. Changing protocols - updated health questionnaire. Designated entrances & exits, gyms have hand sanitizer. Staff at doors to monitor kids entering with masks on and sanitizing hands as they enter. Building is cleaned every day, with high-touch surfaces receiving the most attention. Hand-washing/sanitizing stations and cleaning supplies for all shared equipment. School remains closed to visitors, no drop-ins. Focus is on Essential learning and essential people.
 2. Communication: parents via email, Student Hub, Teams for information on Clubs, scholarships, learning. Photos posted daily on instagram. Forms, fees, attendance notes (email: churattendance@vsb.bc.ca, cc'ing teacher) are online. Counsellors available to support students. International education program - speak to International Education, VSB.
 3. Connection: Admin is establishing Clubs in Teams environment so that students can be engaged. No gathering places for students. Auditorium and cafeteria used during Flex time. Parents ask students to monitor the Student Hub to get engaged in school activities. BC Sports - 4-stage model - currently at stage 2, allowed within a class. Risk groups - little contact - cross-country. Virtual competition possible. If we can move to Stage 3, will inform all. Math contests, debate tournaments have gone online.
 4. Learning: classrooms set up in Microsoft Teams.
 - Teams classrooms open to students only. Parents can be in touch with teachers and ask.
 - Block Rotation calendar - Remote and in-class. Hybrid learning is face-to-face and some remote learning of a cohort of 15 students.
 - Fully Online learning through VLN. Mid-Term and Final Report cards each quarter, with dates of linear learning - IB classes, Yearbook, music, skills development centre in flex time running year-long.
 - Literacy 12 Assessment will not be written this year.
 - Focus is on Essential learning, essential people. Number of instruction minutes will not be the same, activities will be different. Goal is to cover the Core and curricular Competencies.
 5. Q&A - Principal Vey- Chilton see the table attached for responses to questions sent in earlier from parents.
 6. Other information:
 - PE class - Change rooms are not open. However, since students do not need to change, as students are just coming to this one class, there is no need for storage space.
 - Info Nights - for Synergy, Ideal Mini, Prelude and IB programs, IB Grade 11 Parent Info Night will all be moved online.
 - Synergy Info night - Oct 13.

- Photo Retake Day - Oct 16 for students who missed Photo Day.
- Quality of remote learning - students can engage in different activities and the potential is enormous.
- Band classes - auditorium is used for music classes.
- Flex time classes will be socially distanced. Flex time is not an elective, but for Grade 12s e.g. IB program.
- There are no online lessons every day. Remote learning does not have any scheduled time. Teachers will be in contact with students at least 3 times per week during remote weeks, but there is no scheduled class time.
- If students cannot attend in person, they will need to let the teacher know and organize this with their teacher. Students who are late can use the Student Absence forms.
- Parent-Teacher meetings - Admin is trying to find a solution to meeting in-person.
- Parents receive school newsletters weekly on Fridays via email. If there are questions, please send the Principal an email so that she can address the issue.
- Student Hub - Microsoft Team with every student is in.
- MyEd account is shared between parent and student
- Professional development for teachers - Lunch and Learn, lots of resources and support for the teachers.
- Counsellors will work soon on scheduling classes and Flex A or B for Q2 soon.
- Can parents buy textbooks online and donate back to the school - Principal does not know the answer.
- Fees for cancelled trips or events e.g. Spain, France trip - process of refunding has begun. If some events are rescheduled, sponsor teachers will let parents know.
- The process when there is a Covid case - find out if the ill person was infectious at school or while in contact with others at school, track anyone who has been in contact, then information may need to be shared more broadly. Those in contact to be notified and tested.
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- Volunteer requirements for Grade 11 will be reduced due to fewer opportunities. Work Experience Teacher is working with others in the school districts, more information to come.
- International students need to self-isolate for 2 weeks.
- Students can learn about high school procedures through the school Agenda. Ms. Clark and Ms. Salter can answer questions for Grade 8s.

7:55 Poll 4 - masks mandatory in classrooms? - 94% Yes, 6% No
 Poll 5 - fundraiser - masks with SWC logo? - 73% Yes, 27% No
 Poll 6 - Do you want to be notified of SWC Covid cases? - 98% Yes, 2% No

8:00 Adjourn

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, October 27th @ 7 pm