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SWC PAC Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2020 @ 7:00 pm via Zoom (100 participants)

AGENDA

- 7:00 Welcome (Mr. Gurmit Sangha)
 - Due to Covid-19 and social distancing requirements this PAC meeting is being held via Zoom.
- 7:04 Faculty Update (Mr. Connor Levesque's report presented by Mr. Gurmit Sangha)
 - April 23 30, 2020 ratification vote of teachers' agreement will take place.
- 7:16 Principal's Update (Ms. Annette Vey-Chilton)
 - Return to school for Special Education programs, mainly for vulnerable students. Currently there are no timelines for school reopening this school year. Return to school will be gradual.
 - Priorities -
 - 1. Ensure health and safety of students and staff and members of the school community.
 - 2. Implement systems and structures to ensure timely, thoughtful and transparent communication.
 - 3. Develop opportunities for all students and staff to stay connected and build on our sense of belonging and strengthen our community.
 - 4. Support all learners through provision of continuous learning opportunities.
 - After Spring Break:
 - First two weeks health and safety concerns, establishing connections and ensuring communication with all students, providing technology to students without technology for communication.
 - Third week semblance of class established mostly through Microsoft Teams.
 - By now, students should have regularly engaged with teachers.
 - Contact a teacher directly if there are concerns.
 - Teachers will be in touch with parents if they don't hear from a student for a week. Parents, please answer phone calls from a blocked number.

7:20 Questions:

- Pickup and retrieval from school -
 - Musical instruments, Dance hoodies and Grad hoodies. Students are to head to the Cafeteria, based on time and zone. There will be drop-off boxes for IB and library books. There is a one-way path and students will be escorted to leave via another exit.
 - Locker retrieval- Only retrieve learning needs. Students keep the same locker next year, so Gr 8 11 students can retrieve unneeded belongings in September. Locks on locker will not be cut off. If students come in to empty their locker, please remove the lock so that the lockers can be cleaned. If there are Library books in lockers, they can be taken home and returned at a later time.

 Artwork pick up - later when locker cleanup, as artwork is not needed now for learning.

· Schedule -

- Teams classrooms. Can teachers follow Day 1 and Day 2 and post assignments based on Day 1 & 2 schedules? This is not possible in all situations due to how Teams was set up. Some Teams have more than one block. Teachers will record scheduled lessons so students can review later. Students can let teachers know of conflicts, no need to stress.
- Irregular The schedule will improve, but probably cannot guarantee a regular or predictable schedule.
- Planned teacher contact of 2 hours per day, i.e. 30-minute contact per class. No change expected to this.
- September resumption in classes if Teams classes there will be an improvement on the current system.

· Communications -

- Are students expected to monitor emails during weekends and evenings? Do not expect students to give up sleep nor their family life or personal time. Don't stress if there's a conflict or if deadline is not doable. Let teachers know.
- Principal will ask teachers to include parents whenever possible in emails.
- Workload achievable. If there is concern with the amount of work or lack, let the teachers know.

• Teams -

- Online classes are very likely till end of school year. Will let parents know if things change.
- Teams training for parents via training tutorial videos on VSB online on Continuity of Learning hub.
- Chats in Teams has been disabled. Students are to abide by the School Code of Conduct. Students can contact teachers to start a meeting.

• Zoom -

- Can students use Zoom to study? VSB does not allow teachers to use Zoom, but students can do what they like.
- Is there a way for Zoom tutors to get linked with teachers? Parents or students to please contact teacher directly.
- Final Grades students will receive final marks from all courses in the June report card and transcript. Final grades will not be lower than cumulative Term 1 and Term 2 grades. Marks can be improved with Term 3 mark but will not be lower. Interim reports will be sent out only for students where there is concern in achievement of classes.
- Literacy and Numeracy Assessments postponed. If these are needed to graduate, there are procedures in place. Contact Principal.
- Pro-D Day May 15th Pro D Day Indigenous learning to continue.
- Graduation Events will not be cancelled unless absolutely necessary. Some deadline and decisions are still to be made. Options for virtual event to provide a sense of closure. District working on options to set parameters for gatherings.
- Summer vacation same dates, no change.
- VSB Summer courses: Likely online only. Focus is to support Gr 10, 11, 12 students to graduate and also vulnerable students. May not have much opportunities for students who want to get ahead.
- Social activities Principal to ask the counsellors to facilitate fun for students and to connect, e.g. Grad committees for trivia or digital games online.
- · International students -

- most are learning from their home countries. Those still in Canada are being supported individually. Contact Mr. Pratt for questions or concerns.
- There are no specific plans for more contact for International students with other students and teachers. There is for ELL learners.
- Yearbook to be finished by end of next week.
- Sun Run t-shirts Sun Run has been cancelled. No reimbursements for Churchill team, but runners will get t-shirts and can get discount for registration next year. Principal will check which teacher is involved for students to get t-shirts, possibly Mr. Pears.
- Reimbursements for field trips, etc. Yes, as the field trip dates come up and the trips are cancelled.
- Bathrooms to be updated with soap dispensers. Taps are being replaced. Hand dryers.
- Volunteering If parents or PAC members wish to support teachers as volunteers, e.g., for locker retrieval, please send email to PAC to be forwarded to Principal.
- Course schedules for 2020 2021— currently staff are working on time tables. Students will have time table and schedule by the end of school year.
- Camps Prelude and IB let students know if and when not possible, and refund as needed.

7:42 Other Business (Mr. Gurmit Sangha, Chair)

- PAC AGM meeting May 26, 2020 PAC will figure out how that will work.
- Parents to reach out to grade representatives for further questions that will be submitted in advance to the Principal for next meeting.

7:45 Adjourn

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 @ 7 pm