

Banting PAC meeting - February 17, 2021

Participants: Principal Trask, Vice-principal McMahon, Lucky Saini, Noelene Ahern, Marit Heideman, Sheila Robertson, Mimi Yue.

Agenda and Minutes from previous meeting approved by Sheila and seconded by Mimi.

Principal's and vice-principal's report

- Grade 7 FSA's for the next 2 weeks; 170 Grade 7 students and about 75 students opted out of the FSA's.
- Grade 7 will also do the satisfaction survey.
- Grade 8 will do MDI survey.
- There is some learning disruption due to these surveys as cohorts cannot be mixed to have all Grade 7s or Grade 8s to write the surveys together.
- The school will be getting 2 portables in May/June. The school will be growing and taking some cross boundary students. Expecting to have 21 divisions – 8 French and 13 English.
- Grade 8s have done their course selections for high schools.
- Grade 5s – school will not be able to meet with new students in person, but will do an exhaustive video that is accessible to students and parents, as well as a town hall to answer questions from parents and students.
- Today – students did 'I read Canadian', to focus on Canadian authors.
- Student online portal:
 - Grade 8's going to Port Moody Secondary have already done their course selection online.
 - Information will be send to parents on how to set up an account.
 - IEPs will still be provided in paper copy, but will eventually be moved to the online portal.
- Physical distancing is continued to be enforced/reiterated at school. All people in the building should be wearing a mask at all times, except when students are in their assigned seat or eating. Teachers can take off their mask at their desks and while eating. Classes are spaced during entry and exiting the building.
 - Students have adapted very well to updated health regulations, though in the morning they still like to group (e.g. sharing something on a cell phone).
 - Big change in Physical Education as students have to wear masks. Some parents concerned about kids breathing in their own bacteria/ CO2. Kids are not pushed super hard/ exerted.
 - Currently doing hip-hop in gym.
- Covid exposure:
 - There was one class room notice on the long weekend, students are self monitoring and/or self isolating.
 - Lacrosse, hockey or soccer activities may have contributed to increased exposure in the Coquitlam and Port Moody area.
 - Heritage Mountain, Aspenwood and other local schools had exposures. Some schools are having a lot more students doing online learning.

Treasurer's Report

- Nothing much has changed in the PAC budget.
- PAC bought a skeleton and dance classes for the school.
- Gaming account funds need to be used.
- School has used PAC funding for:
 - Ji-jitsu / martial arts coming in May (physically distanced and masked).
 - Classroom funds of \$300 spent on sports equipment, totes to strap under chairs etc.
- School wishes/requests:
 - Four-square courts and field are used a lot. Hoping for more space for outdoor sports/recreation (black tops, basketball fields, four-square etc.).
 - Q: can the drive through be used for that purpose after drop-off? A: yes, that would be an option to consider.
 - FROLF – Frisbee Golf
 - Need more Frisbees, basketballs, storage bins, outdoor PE equipment (bocce ball / petanque)
 - White-hatter: internet safety through a zoom meeting with the school (School-wide request)
 - Science materials – exact needs to be determined.
 - The school will provide a cost estimate to the PAC (rough estimate ~\$6,000)

Other business

- Grade 8 year end & teacher appreciation:
 - Contingent on Covid situation, most likely need to plan according to the same criteria as last year.
 - Principal Trask will contact the Grade 8 teachers for ideas, and share the results in the next PAC meeting.
 - Parent comment: there should be some form of recognition for the kids.

Meeting adjourned at 7.25 pm. Next meeting in April 2021.