

## **Council Minutes October 15 2020** (some details missing due to connectivity issues)

there is a budget carry over amount from last year from fundraising and bazaar  
Mr. Lane has ordered things for DPA and Phys-ed  
Thoughts to hold out and use money at a later time perhaps for needed tech

### **Principal report**

focusing in on grade 2 students who did not reach the standard last year due to the shortened school year as well as graduating grade 8 students  
There is an immediate need to identify students who are at risk of not reading to standard and grade 8's being up to par to graduate.  
Working to coordinate supports and put into place interventions needed

Gatestone with aim to focus on new COVID-19 measures has had:

3 fire drills

1 hold and secure

1 shelter and place

there will be a socially distanced lock down in the near future

drills this far have been a success

working with Learn Disrupt Rebuild model, new covid routines

Module 1 Mental and physical wellness

Module 2 understanding identity

Module 3 Exploring Human Rights

Module 4 (connection issues)

Nyaweh has started with Sarah Smoke directed at grades 6-8 working one cohort at a time for a period of time then moving on to the next cohort for the same period of time  
program is a success this far into the year

EQAO has been cancelled this school year with efforts instead going into the new math curriculum staff are training in new curriculum virtually

Staff are working on creating a positive school climate

Staff meeting next week to discuss opportunities to celebrate student of the month, spirit days and other events virtually

### **COVID-19 Procedures**

Signage- has been placed around the school for direction and instruction

Masks/ mask exemptions

Hand washing – sanitizer provided outside with Many teachers also doing hand washing

inside their classrooms for extra safety

Nutrition breaks – working on social distance, teaching kids new socially distant games to play, asking parents to speak to their children about social distancing and what that safe distance looks like and reminding them

Daily screeners- parents need to screen daily, screener has changed please refer to board website

Limiting traffic on the playground – successful, parents cooperating and students are doing well. Direct entry with keeping distance and wearing masks. School reporting difficulties with exiting 400 children.

\*comments from council members commending both entrance and exit saying they are in fact successful, staff are doing an excellent job

New office procedures- parents need to make appointment. Parents are also able to reach out to teachers to book meetings via Microsoft Teams. If there are issues with connecting to teachers parents can reach out to the office

The school is in contact with the schools public health nurse Saepom Cho weekly  
If a child is reported sick using the covid option for attendance the school will follow up to support family.

\*School commended on very fast and efficient response in calling a family to support

### **Paused activities**

Terry Fox run – School raised money virtually

Fundraising

Sale of milk and food

Photo days

Assemblies – Being held virtually

Field trips and excursions

Halloween Parade – looking to do a virtual assembly between classrooms allowing students to show costumes and interact. Students are still able to dress up for Halloween, no costumes that interfere with mask wearing or hand washing. No shareable snacks or treats allowed.

School is waiting for info regarding November 3<sup>rd</sup> reorganizations, students moving from in school to out of school and from out of school to in school. School reporting a steady number of students and class sizes 18-21 which are successful.

Umbrella before and after opening more space will impact placement for contact tracing purposes. The board will be keeping the children who attend before and after in the same cohorts by grade to limit contact and make contact tracing easier.

Nair noting a new COVID-19 testing site opening in October at the Mohawk Fennell campus run by St. Joes

Billy- What happens in the case of a classroom outbreak? How do the children continue to learn and is it seamless?

Kelly- teachers are working to get their classrooms online and on Microsoft Teams and the hub in prep for worst case so the teachers are set up in the case a cohort needs to isolate. Concerns over students with no tech at home should a cohort isolate. Teacher and class would be required to isolate for 14 days in the event of a cohort outbreak.

Billy has offered help in any regards to getting school photos done, even if just a backdrop.

Concerns raised over kids being disturbed by bagged items on the desk of a student going home sick. School is to the best of its ability trying to reassure students while keeping things confidential. There is a need to speak to kids about empathy and not bullying when a kid has gone home sick.

Question posed who is responsible for contacting parents? Is it public health and are we contacted?

Public health makes the decision if contact is needed, if the case is a student it is most likely the entire class will be notified. Principal will be contacting after public health approval. Contact tracing will be done and parents are contacted as necessary.

Nair- We need to brainstorm some at home fundraising ideas and set up some at home fundraisers for tech and other necessities.

Billy, Nair, Donna and Hannah have volunteered to brainstorm.

Concerns over kids needing more movement breaks, kids sore from sitting too long

Next meeting will be posted with a new meeting code