

## **School council**

*Minutes-October 19, 2020*

- Donna Taylor-Andrews and Phil Erwood self proclaimed chairs for school council
- Setting meeting dates: setting meetings every other month due to changes with covid
- Next meetings will be in January, March and May
  - Tentative dates set:
- Monday, January 18, 2020
- Monday, March 8, 2020,
- Monday, May 10, 2020
  
- **Principal's report:**
- 287 students attending
- Have already done one reorg, including hiring and restaffing to accommodate remote/ in-school staffing needs
- Staff and student training for protocols have gone fairly smoothly (e.g. washrooms, playground, masks, hand hygiene)
- Karen Gaston has joined admin staff in the office; Lisa Hill has moved to new school
- Staff has been implementing new math curriculum; discussed the new social emotional component
- Staff using MS Teams and the Hub for working with students, communicating with parents and preparing in case of future school closure
- Protocols in place for positive covid cases; so far no cases at Ridgemount
- Renovations went efficiently and quickly
- Halloween: no sharing food/ treats, no parade, no weapons, students must wear their non-medical masks, costumes permitted at school but must remain on for the day
- Any further Halloween updates will be sent from each teacher
- New HWDSB concept: Learn, Disrupt, Rebuild
  
- **Teacher's report:**
- Student perspective: happy to be back in school but getting used to keeping the distance and wearing masks
- JSK students are handling masks well
  
- **Parent Input:**
- Will there be a Photo Day? Currently photo day is on pause, but awaiting further information
- Parents should be wearing masks as well when they are picking up students; noticed that some parents are not wearing masks during pick up (how can we further educate parents that they need to be wearing masks)
- Gord has sent reminders via email and has asked for specific concerns to be brought to him so he can address specific situations as they arise
- Any updates regarding the development of the play structure?
- Gord said that there is a pause on that; have gone through the process of community input regarding the development but building is on pause

NEXT STEPS:

- Gord/ Nancy to explore further communication with parents on covid safety protocols
- Contact info of School Council members to be sent to Gord, Nancy or Donna to be added to distribution list

Meeting adjourned at 6:42pm