



Sherwood Secondary School

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School Council Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2020

Location: Virtual meeting through MS Teams

Time: 6:30pm

Present: Kelly George-Dalgleish, Sandi Horton, Sylvia Jarrett, Shanda Licop, Mike Martin, Tracey Siddons, Deborah Simon, Michelle Visca, Fariha Woolvett
Minutes recorded by Fariha Woolvett

1. Welcome from the Principal Ms. Visca and the members of the Sherwood School Council.
2. Meeting Dates: Tracey asked that meetings be held on third Tuesday of the month. So next meeting will be December 15.
3. General questions about school:
 - Grad 2020: Diplomas will be ready for pickup. Grads/Parents/Guardians will be contacted by our Student Services Office Administrator, Kathy Chamoun, to schedule a pickup using Public Health/Board protocols. The grad portfolio includes a program with the Principal and Valedictorian speeches.
 - There are still no extra-curriculars: Students are missing the social interaction. Virtual clubs are starting up: Student Council and a book club are examples of this.
 - Exams: There is no word yet about exams. There are exam days in the schedule, but schools may not be able to operationalize exams due to Public Health COVID restrictions around cohorts, busing and cleaning. The Board will make their decision about exams days shortly.
 - There was a question about student supports: Students on an IEP are still supported through Learning Resource. Student Services and Student Success will have virtual appointments with students. Students should reach out to their teachers, Learning Resource, Guidance, or Admin. Parents requested options for additional supports as teachers time is limited for additional help. Ms. Visca will investigate other resources/supports for students needing academic help outside of the classroom.
 - There was a discussion about why secondary school students cannot attend daily: We must follow public health protocols that do not allow more than 17 students to stay in a class. For now, we must follow our

adaptive model and we will look for ways within that model to better support students. We are entering Rotation 3 so period $\frac{3}{4}$ will come in face to face. Periods 5, 1, 2 will be online.

- Midterm reports are currently being submitted and will be ready on November 23. They will be handed out to students. Parents can see marks in the Parent Portal.
- Awards (honours and subject awards) from the 2019/20 school year will be mailed home.
- Remembrance Day was acknowledged today and will be again tomorrow so that this important day is honoured with both cohorts of students.
- Parents asked about cyber-bullying being a problem with how much students are online—the school has been made aware of very few cases. There has been excellent behaviour from the students of Sherwood so far.
- Parents asked for advice about how to support students at home: Understand what your student is doing; make sure they are engaged not just signing in and doing other things; ask them to see their class HUB page as it will show if they are doing assignments; don't hesitate to email teacher if you are concerned or when reports come home.
- In terms of the status of the Sherwood facility, the Board has submitted another case for the Ministry for a new build on the site.

Next meeting will take place December 15 at 6:30 pm, with Sherwood staff and parents virtually through MS Teams.