

## **School Council Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 Location: Virtual meeting through MS Teams Time: 6:30pm Present: Sylvia Jarrett, Stephanie Baschiera, Michelle Visca, Deborah Simon, Mike Martin, Tracey Siddons, Kelly George Dalgleish, Jackie Brown, Lisa Urban, Fariha Woolvett Minutes recorded by Fariha Woolvett

- 1. Welcome from the Principal Ms. Visca
- 2. Nominations and Elections: Deborah Simon and Sandi Horton will continue as Co-chairs. Fariha Woolvett will continue as Secretary
- 3. The Adaptive Model: Students are still maintaining a four credit model. There are four rotations. Each rotation goes through a period in class and then a transition to online learning for the rest of the periods. The school rotates through each in-person class every few weeks. Cohorts may need to be rebalanced each rotation so as classes do not have more than 17 students in a class. The school will look into different ways to support students in different learning scenarios, ones that will benefit classes uniquely.
- 4. Students are either at home for their afternoon periods and some are at school. Those at school are supervised and spaced out. Contact tracing is in place.
- 5. The biggest struggle is engagement, keeping the students safe and engaged in their learning.
- 6. HWDSB is still deciding on whether to do final exams or culminating tasks.
- 7. HWDSB still has a strict protocol for staff and students to prevent anyone with symptoms from entering the building.
- 8. How do students who are in remote learning with other teachers connect with their favourite teachers at Sherwood? There is the possibility of virtual clubs but also the chance to connect with their teachers.
- 9. Grad 2020 Diplomas need to be handed out. Staff are preparing portfolios. They can't be mailed out because they are bigger. That will be coming out soon, you will hear from the school.
- 10. Facilities update: Based on the last school accommodation review, Sherwood could stay open after possibly 7 times of review. 3 options: status quo (chances are slim), move students to Barton (while renovations happen –

library, field, science labs, bathrooms), complete renovation to Barton and students go to Barton

- 11. The new Nora Henderson school is open. Sherwood School is passionate about providing the best environment for their staff and students!
- 12. Sherwood is committed to staying open and hoping for the best for student and staff.
- Progress reports will be given out in the Block 1 face to face from October 16-22. Anyone else can arrange a pick up time by contacting the school after October 22.

*Next meeting will take place November 10 at 6:30 pm, with Sherwood staff and parents virtually through MS Teams.*